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BATH HEATERS
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ADVERTISEMENT ON THE 3RD. PAGE.

fol, however, whether we will see him in the Plate for some time to come, as we understand that his vessel the "Chicago" has been ordered to South Africa, on account of the war. It is worth recalling that it was Schley who commanded the relief expedition of some years ago that went to the rescue of Greeley, the Arctic explorer. Schley, by his pluck and ability to meet and overcome obstacles, found what was left of Greeley's party and saved them, though so reduced were they that a delay of a few hours would have meant death for them all.

The minister of a Scotch country kirk had a stranger preaching for him one day, and meeting his sexton, asked, "Well, Saunders, how did you like the sermon to-day?" "It was rather over plain and simple for me. I like the sermons best that jumbles the judgement and confounds the sense. Oh, sir, I never saw one that could come up to yours!" at that.

RIVER PLATE JOURNALISM IN THE "FORTIES."

(We reproduce the following very interesting sketch from the Buenos Aires Herald and Times.)

We have before us three ragged numbers of *La Gaceta Mercantil* of 1843, '45 and '49 respectively, and we see from these that journalism here has made great strides since the days of Rosas.

Nowadays, we do not commence every article we write with "Hurrah for Roca! Down with Don Falan!" But in those dark days every advertisement began with "Viva la Confederacion Argentina!" or "Mueran los Salvajes Unitarios!" In our enlightened times we politely term our political enemies "thieves and liars," but not "savages." Every time a member of the opposition was mentioned in the sheets we refer to him as the "Savage Unitarian, Colonel So-and-so."

In 1843 Mr. Andrew Thorndike had recently died, and we learn from an advertisement that some foreign plants introduced into the country by him were for sale at a quinta behind the Recoleta. Another advertiser informs us that some double barrel guns have arrived. Probably they had flint locks. These guns were to be obtained at a book-store, so we presume that the different trades were not so specialised as in the present year of grace. These guns were further announced to be breach loaders, evidently a new idea in those days.

The wines of 1843, if we are to believe an advertiser at Maypú 76, were good for the stomach, very different from our modern factory wines. The shipping advertisements are highly instructive. In those days most of the vessels announced to sail were of 180 tons. A vessel carrying 1200 passengers was unheard of. The "Sirius," remarkably fast-sailing and newly coppered, could, says an announcement, comfortably carry as many as ten passengers! The dates of sailing were not fixed. This same "Sirius" was to sail about the beginning of June. We suppose the hotel-keepers got the benefit of any delay in the ten passengers' getting under way. Another curious thing about the "Sirius" is that the Captain does not seem to know exactly where he is bound for. His agents say he is willing to take them to Falmouth or any continental port. This is very convenient so long as one passenger does not want to go to Odessa and another to Archangel.

Coal seems to have been quite a new commodity in the market. An advertiser announces that there is no truth in the report that it is unhealthy for kitchen use! Its price was \$120 per ton. A "legitimate Saxony" ram was for sale at \$200. Our great hay markets at the Once did not then exist; and evidently people did not know where to get hay, as a man advertises that he has a few cart-loads of it for sale.

In those days the papers published the names of all who asked for passports. We think travelling could not have been so simple as now, as a passport was needed to go out to Mercedes.

The 1845 number of this interesting sheet contains a plan of the battle of Mal Abrigo with the "Savage Unitarian," entitled Colonel Lopez. The number also has a note from Charles Hotham, commanding H.M.S. "Gorgon" and senior officer on the River Uruguay station, addressed to an officer of Rosas, protesting against the abduction of British women at Mercedes. The officer's reply is that he is not empowered to reply to the notes of the protectors of savage Unitarians! We suppose the printers of those days must have been sick of setting up those two words "Savage Unitarian," as they occur

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Steamship and General Commission Agents.
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Contractors for supplies of Coal at all Ports.

NEW RIVER SMOKELESS STEAM COAL

Shipped by the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Co., New York and Newport News, Va. Port of Shipment, Newport News, Va.

A large stock of Best Cardiff Steam and House Coal always on hand. N. B.—Steamers calling at La Plata to coal only ad taking their supplies from J. Mudd and Co. are free of Entry and Wharf dues. Steam Tugs at all Ports.

Calle Piedras, esquina Guarani, Montevideo.
Reconquista 268, Buenos Aires.—Grand Dock, La Plata.

The Standard Life Assurance Company.
ESTABLISHED 1825.
FUNDS EXCEED \$44,000,000 GOLD

SPECIAL FEATURES—
The Only Company in the Republic that has a Local Board or can accept Proposals at once without reference to Head Office.
Absolute Security—Liberal rates.
Bonus additions already declared exceed £6,000,000 Stg.
Next Division of Profits 15th November 1900 in which all who assure during current year may participate.

SOLE REPRESENTATIVE:
B. LORENZO HILL
161, CALLE ITUZAINGO—MONTEVIDEO.

once in every six or seven lines. The paper—owned by the way, by an Irishman, Santiago Kieruan—makes an attack upon the British and French admirals for interfering in several places to protect women and children from the "savage Federalists." Santiago's sheet also accuses the British of having chopped off the heads of 30,000 women at Caball! The "Pirate Garibaldi" was at that time invading the Banda Oriental, and Captain Hotham informs the Government that he has picked up 8 wounded men who had been defeated by Garibaldi. Further on, the British and French are called "pirates."

A schoolmaster is advertised for in 1843 at a salary of \$500 a month, with board and lodging. Even reduced to gold at the rate of the period, this is not nearly so low a salary as at the present time; besides which, the requisites for a camp-schoolmaster were then much fewer and cheaper.

The 1849 number contains no advertisements and is entirely taken up with an official document attacking Brazil and Austria over the Paraguayan question, and a political article translated from a Rio Janeiro paper.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montevideo, Oct. 14, 1899.
Business to-day was very slack all round. Prices practically as before, or perhaps a trifle firmer. Sales as follows:—

Extraordinary Loan, 2nd Series, \$1300 at 63.80 cash. Ditto, 2nd Series, \$6022 at 63.60 cash.

Treasury Certificates Debt, \$9500 at 63.40 to 63.30 to 63.50 closing 63.40 cash.

Interior Debt, \$7800 at 53.20. Mortgage Bank, 200 shares at 13.40 for Monday and end of month.

Consolidated Debt, \$29,140 at 47.50 and 47.40, closing 47.50 cash and end of month. No London quotation.

EXCHANGE.

	Bank.	Commercial.
London 90d/s.	51.15/16-52	52 1/4
Paris 90d/s.	5.44 1/2	5.45 1/2
Antwerp 90d/s.	5.45	5.52
Germany 90d/s.	4.43-44	4.48
N. York	0.98	—
Italy	5.77-78	—
Spain	6.73-75	—
Brazil	33.150	33.550
B. Aires,	1 1/2 prem.	par.

Business Notes.

—The Custom House paid into the London Bank yesterday \$18114 on account of the Consolidated Debt. and Railway guarantee service and \$2213 on account of the 5 % Loan service.

—Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 237.30 and closed at 236.90.

—Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio Janeiro yesterday at 7 15/16 d. per milreis. Commercial 7 11/32. Jerked beef 840 to 1040 reis per kilo. Stock 2,750,000 kilos.

—London, 14. Wheat 27s 6d. Linseed 42s. Maize 19s-9d.—Antwerp. Wheat 15.50 francs, linseed 27.50, maize 9.625. Wool, class B, 5.87 francs for November, 5.95 for February.

—The R. M. S. "Magdalena" has embarked £125,000 for the River Plate.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 14, 1899.
Gold, cash, 236.90.
Do. end of month, 237.20.

Cedulas G Nacionales, Mon., 84.
Cedulas 8%, Prov., cash, 12.50.
Do. 0, cash, 12.50.
Emprestito Popular Interno, 1898, cash, 75.60.
The "Eolo" and "Helios" sail.

MARITIME

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS.

Montevideo, Oct. 14, 1899.

—Str. Venus from Buenos Aires 140 pass.
—Str. Danube from La Plata, for Southampton, 10 pass.
—Str. Duchessa di Genova from Genoa, 39 pass., for B. Aires.
—Str. Oropesa from Liverpool, 6 pass., for Valparaiso.
—Str. Arensburg from Bremen.
—Str. Costanza for B. Aires.
—Str. Giacomo for B. Aires.
—Str. Argos for B. Aires.
—Str. Venus for B. Aires.
—Str. Paris for Salto.

MAIL STEAMERS

LEAVING TO-DAY

—The str. SCOTIA will leave TO-DAY for Genoa. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 11 p.m. on the 14th.

OTHER DATES

—The str. EOLO will leave Oct. 16 for Buenos Aires only. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 4.45 p.m.

—The str. HELIOS will leave Oct. 16 for B. Aires and Salto. Hours as above.

—The str. IRIS will leave Oct. 16 for Santos and Rio Janeiro. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 8 a.m.

—The str. MEMPHIS will leave Oct. 16 for St. Vincent and Hamburg. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 11 p.m. on the 15th.

—The str. ORIONE will leave Oct. 16 for Barcelona, Genoa and Naples. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 1 p.m.

Note.—In addition to the hours mentioned above, letters for all these steamers will be received, without extra charge, in the Aduana Kiosk until the P. O. agents leave to go on board the steamers.

Steamers to arrive.

Oct.	NAME	FLAG	FROM
15	Nomandy	English	Liverpool
15	Memphis	German	Valparaiso
15	Luciana	German	Valparaiso
15	Gorgonia	French	Genoa
16	Rome	English	New-York
16	Raphael	English	New-York
16	Harzburg	German	Bremen
17	Karnak	German	Valparaiso
18	Cordillera	French	Havre
18	Corrientes	German	Hamburg
18	R. Margarita	Italian	Genoa
20	Delia	German	Valparaiso
20	Oravia	English	Valparaiso
21	C. America	Italian	Genoa
21	Thames	English	Southampton
23	Les Alpes	French	Marseilles
23	Phoenixian	English	Glasgow
23	Santos	Brazilian	Rio Janeiro
25	Equita	Italian	Genoa
26	Bahia	German	Hamburg
27	N. America	Italian	Genoa
28	Liguria	Italian	Liverpool
30	Isauri	German	Valparaiso

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Royal Blend Scotch WHISKY
Permanent Stock in and out of Bond.
This Whisky is the best imported in South America, and the most largely accepted and generally consumed throughout the world.
On sale in all the Hotels, Cafés, Confeiterias, Almascenes, and by the
Sole Importer in this Republic
HIPOLITO GARCIA
128, Calle Cerrito, Montevideo.
NOTE—Beware of imitations and falsifications.

PRINCE LINE.
Regular line of steamers between London, Antwerp, New York, Brazil and the River Plate.

SAILINGS OF STEAMERS.
BRITISH PRINCE Left London, Sept. 27.
SAXON PRINCE Left New York, Oct. 3.
Accommodation for Passengers. Fare to Rio and Santos, \$30.
For further particulars apply to
Christophersen Huos. (Montevideo Piedras 142.
P. Christophersen, Rosario, San Lorenzo 869.
Buenos Aires, Cuyo 249.

«Norton» Line of Steamers

AGENTS: NORTON AND SON, NEW YORK. MANAGER: BUCKNALL NEPHEWS LONDON.

FROM ROSARIO, BUENOS AIRES AND MONTEVIDEO TO NEW YORK

The following full-powered steamers will be despatched from Montevideo, ETONA, For CUBAN PORTS AND NEW YORK, October 16.

These steamers have good accommodation for a limited number of First Class Passengers.
For freight passage, etc., apply to the Agents: WILLIAMS & Co., MIRIONES 58.

And at Buenos Aires, 25 de Mayo 287, or to Norton & Son, 90 Wall St., New York Bucknall Nephews, 22 Crutched Friars, London, E. C.

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CHEAPEST & BEST ILLUMINANT

Enormous & still increasing Sales.
ANOTHER REDUCTION
in the price of the Apparatus & Mantles

New assortment of Globes and
SPECIAL "JENA" CHIMNIES
MONTEVIDEO GAS CO. LIMITED
28 de Mayo Nos. 334, 338 & 342.

Steamers to leave.

Oct.	NAME	FLAG	FOR
15	Colonia	French	Havre
15	Etona	English	New-York
15	Aachen	German	Vigo
15	Lucana	German	Havre
15	Helades	English	Liverpool
16	Orione	Italian	Genoa
17	Scotia	German	Cherbourg
17	Karnak	German	Hamburg
19	Puerto Rico	Spanish	Barcelona
19	Espagne	French	Marseilles
19	D. di Genova	Italian	Genoa
20	Oravia	English	Liverpool
20	Dalia	German	Havre
21	Chili	French	Bordeaux
24	Rosario	German	Vigo
25	Hippomenes	English	Liverpool
25	Bellaissa	English	Antwerp
25	Santos	Brazilian	Rio Janeiro

AMUSEMENTS.
CASINO ORIENTAL
CALLE FLORIDA BETWEEN SORIANO AND CANELONES
Every Night at 8.45. Sundays and Holidays, special performances for families at 3.45 p.m.
Grand Variety Company.
Admission, 20 cents Seats, 30 cents and 10 cents.

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TO LET, sitting and bedroom, with windows to street, in family house. Apply Camaras 54. Oct. 25.

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Copies can be seen at the office of THE MONTEVIDEO TIMES.
Subscription, £2 abroad. Rs. 48 \$000 in Brazil.

The Entertainment Society
SEASON 1899.
NOTICE.—The Committee have decided to close the season with a SUBSCRIPTION DANCE, to be given in the GOUNOUILHOU ROOMS, on the evening of WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25.

TICKETS.
Members \$ 1.00 each
Non-members 1.50
Ladies 0.50

Tickets may be obtained on application to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Hogge, Zabala 83, up to Monday the 23rd inst., when the list will be closed.

Non member's and Ladies' Tickets may also be obtained from Mr. J. S. Reid, 25 de Mayo 338.

WILSON Bros.
GENERAL CAMP AGENTS.
Cereals and produce on consignment. — Purchases and sales of Camp and Stock in general. — Mortgages, Renting and Valuation of Same. — Materials and Provisions Purchased for Estancias. — Telegraphic Address: "MOUNT." GERRITO 148 --- MONTEVIDEO.

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FORTNIGHTLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN
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New Accelerated Itinerary (Subject to modification)

FOR EUROPE
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Captain: G. Massey R. N. R.
20th October, 1899,
for Rio Janeiro, Lisbon, Vigo, La Pallice, (La Rochelle) and Liverpool.

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Oropesa
(TWIN SCREW)
Captain: H. W. Hayes.
14th October, 1899,
for Sandy Point, Coronel, Talcahuano and Valparaiso.

Orellana
Captain: R. Archer
3rd November, 1899,
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(TWIN SCREW)
Captain: H. W. Hayes
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The s.s. «Orellana» and «Orcana» will not take second class passengers
Every steamer carries a Doctor and Stewardess.
The Steamers are illuminated with Electric Light, which is available ALL NIGHT in the Cabins.
Table wine (claret) is now served to passengers in all classes.
Return Tickets issued available for twelve months at reduced rates
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NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.
The splendid steamer
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Will sail on the 26th October 1899, for
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Passengers for SOUTHAMPTON will be landed under all circumstances at DAY TIME.
Through tickets issued for New York via Southampton.
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First class assortment of English soft goods, dress materials, hosiery, haberdashery, linen, tweeds and cashmeres. New seasons goods.

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142--CALLE SARANDI--142

(CORNER OF ZABALA)

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PRINCIPAL BRANDS.—Three Castles.—Gold Flake.—Best Bird's Eye, Traveller.—Navy Cut, etc., etc.

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CALLE COLONIA, CORNER OF RIO NEGRO

DR. MACARTNEY

THE AMERICAN DENTIST

Ex-Director and Profesor of the Dental Course at the University of Chile

GRADUATE IN ODONTOLOGY:

"PHILADELPHIA DENTAL COLLEGE" AND "HOSPITAL OF ORAL SURGERY"

GRADUATE IN MEDICINE:

"THE MEDICO CHIRURGICAL COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA"

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His introduction of General Antiseptics applied to Dental Pathological conditions, the use of proper Sterilization and careful Prophylaxis, was awarded instant recognition by the leading Physicians and Surgeons of this city by whom Dr. Macartney is widely consulted and recommended.

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Dentist, who enjoys an International Reputation and who revalidates his Diploma, thus offering to the public a guarantee that he POSSESSES IT.

Consultations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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MONTEVIDEO.

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En combinacion con el Ferro-Carril Central del Uruguay.

tarifario a regir desde el 15 de Diciembre de 1898 hasta nuevo aviso

SALIDAS	REGRESOS
Montevideo (F. C. O.)... s. 6.20 a.m.	La Sierra... s. 1.10 p.m.
Empalme Olmos (F. C. O.) ll. 8.25	Piedras de Afilar (Parada) s. 1.30
El (F. C. U. del Este) s. 9.00	Mosquitos... s. 2.05
La Toscana (Parada)... s. 9.30	Los Toscos (Parada)... s. 2.25
Mosquitos... s. 9.50	Empalme Olmos (F.C.U.E.) ll. 2.55
Piedras de Afilar (Parada) s. 10.25	" F. C. C. s. 3.25
La Sierra... ll. 10.45	Montevideo (F.C.C.)... ll. 5.05

Por Tarifas y otros informes dirigirse a la Agencia de Montevideo Calle Zabala No. 72, las Estaciones ó a la Administracion.
Empalme Olmos, Diciembre 10 de 1898.

SHORT STORY

Thrown Together.

(Continued)

"I must put my own feelings aside," she said. "I must not ruin the future of a dear friend. You have told me that you are wholly dependent on your aunt. What could you do if she turned her back on you?"

"Go forth, and gain fame and fortune for myself—for you, dearest," I replied. "The world lies before us, waiting to be conquered."

"There first comes a hard and stubborn fight," said Isabelle, "and many a one goes down in the battle. You only know the pleasant paths of life, and shall I be the one to drag you to the stony highway? Never!"

"But my aunt must relent when she learns to know you better," I answered somewhat despondently, for Isabelle's "Never" was spoken with a discouraging determination. "She must give her consent when she realizes that it is withheld my happiness is wrecked."

"When she does so," murmured Isabelle, glancing at me, and then turning away those expressive eyes. "Ah! I must say no more."

"Let me hear you say that you love me, Isabelle," I said, pressing her warm, soft hand. "The words from your lips will give me courage and persistence to overcome all obstacles. Tell me you love me, sweetheart."

"You foolish boy, you ask too much," she answered, but she let me retain her hand, and I fancied I felt a slight responding pressure. "What I may tell you is this: win your aunt over to your views, and you may speak to me again. Until then we will be very good friends, and no more."

I do not know what I should have done under these heart-breaking circumstances if I had not been sustained by Margaret's sympathy and contagious optimism. It was all that prevented me from growing desperate, and making a fool of myself in some way or another; for Isabelle's firmness and my aunt's obstinacy had brought matters to a deadlock, and the more I looked at the situation the less I liked it.

Yet, hopeless as the outlook seemed, I always felt happier after a good long talk with my cousin. She was as bracing and invigorating as the north wind blowing fresh and salt from the sea.

Not that Margaret was without her own troubles; but she bore them with a better spirit than I could do. Although they also arose from Aunt Geraldine's perversity, she never uttered a word of complaint, and her tender thoughtfulness in all the little details of domestic life that concerned the comfort of the old dear never waned. I admired her for it immensely. It was so womanly, so incomprehensible.

Margaret was troubled in this way. My aunt wanted to see the girl settled, a phrase which always had a bloodthirsty sound in my ears, although it had merely a matrimonial significance; and whereas she placed every impediment in the way of my marrying the woman I loved, she was continually bringing forward, and urging Margaret to accept some undesirable suitor whom the girl detested. The greater the disparity between the two, in age, in appearance, in intellect, the more strenuously did my aunt strive to turn the balance in his favour. It made me wild.

But I should have felt it more keenly had there been any danger of Margaret sacrificing herself from a mistaken sense of the duty she owed to Aunt Geraldine. I forcibly put before her the folly, the crime, of which she would be guilty if she gave way to any influence but the dictates of her heart, and my words were not without effect.

Nor did I fail to remonstrate with my aunt, and I had many opportunities, for, finding Margaret less submissive than customary on this point, she honoured me with frequent consultations, and sought my advice about the best means of "getting the girl settled."

"Something must be done," my aunt said emphatically. "I can never leave that dear one alone and unprotected in the world."

"Margaret will never be alone or unprotected while I live," I replied, with equal emphasis.

"Pooh!" was Aunt Geraldine's unceremonious comment. "You say so now, you believe so now, but you will make fresh ties, find new interests in life. And how do you think that Mrs. James Marshall will approve of your protecting a pretty cousin, or allow her to enjoy much of your society? No, James. If I relied on you, I should be trusting to a broken reed. The girl must be settled in my lifetime, if my last days are to be peaceful, and settled she shall be."

"I can't see the necessity for it," I observed. "Margaret, as she is, is very happy and contented."

"I have to consider Margaret as she will be," retorted my aunt. "That is my duty, and I think I see an opportunity of making her future as bright as her heart desires. And my aunt pursed up her lips and nodded sagaciously. It was her usual way when entering on a fresh plan of campaign.

"Yes," said I, making the word a question; and I regard it as something to my credit that I made no allusion to having heard the same hopeful remark many times.

"Yes," repeated my aunt. "Now, James, what is your candid opinion of Major Stapleton?"

"Viewed in what light?" I enquired, although I knew full well in my own mind what would be Aunt Geraldine's answer, and already I was conscious of an uneasy feeling. Major Stapleton! "Viewed in what light?"

"In the light of a prospective husband for Margaret," rejoined my aunt. "Directly he came to stay at the Rectory, I saw that he was the very man I had been looking for so long. Then I set to work and made judicious enquiries. He is of good family—that was indispensable. With a good income—also a necessity. No needy fortune-hunters for me."

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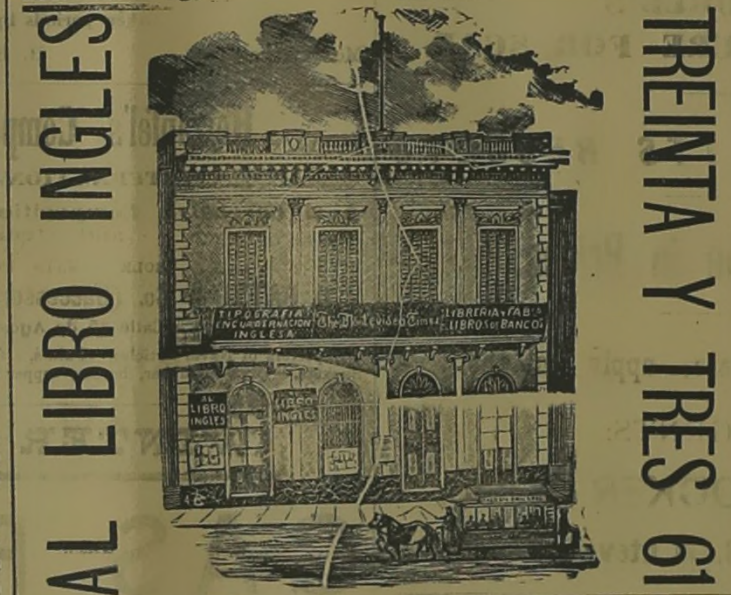
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