



BICYCLE POLO AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

BICYCLE POLO.

Bicycle polo is to be one of the games of the coming season, and the providers of amusement at the Crystal Palace have made arrangements by which the jaded eye of the Londoner shall rest on the newest fashion in outdoor exercise. At the Sheen House Bicycle Club, too, on Saturday, amateur cyclists, men and women, engaged in a game of polo. The game was played on ground a hundred yards long and seventy yards broad. The ordinary lawn-tennis ball was used, while the favourite form of stick was a golf "putter," which onlookers considered to be vastly superior for the purpose to the light croquet-mallet affected by several of the players. There were a good many collisions among the "iron horses," but none of them of any seriousness, and the "riders of ironmongery," to use the scornful phrase of Mr. Thomas Bowler, M.P., showed a thorough mastery of their machines, and a perfect ease in alighting. The dangers of the real game were not, however, decreased by the new style of mounts, and the rules of regular polo will have to undergo modifications to meet the wholly new conditions.

THE ADVANCE IN THE SOUDAN.

The Khedive of Egypt is now served, thanks to British counsel and help, by a very efficient, though not too large, native army of Fellahien or Egyptian peasants and of "black" or dusky Soudanese, well drilled and trained, partly under the command of English officers, thoroughly disciplined and obedient, and perhaps not less courageous than the soldiery of most European States. With the aid of a small contingent of troops of our own Army, the force which General Sir Herbert Kitchener the Sirdar, has led into the Soudan, and with which the reconquest of Nubia and of the Nile from Wady Halfu to Berber has been gradually but surely effected, seems to be as efficient and as completely equipped as any similarly mixed force employed in the British Indian dominions. The actual fighting in the present Nile campaign has not been such as to attract British public attention in a high degree; for the enemy's utter deficiency of tactics, and the inferior quality of his forces, a mere rabble of wild Desert tribesmen rushing to combat in the frenzy of Arab warfare, has allowed each engagement to be

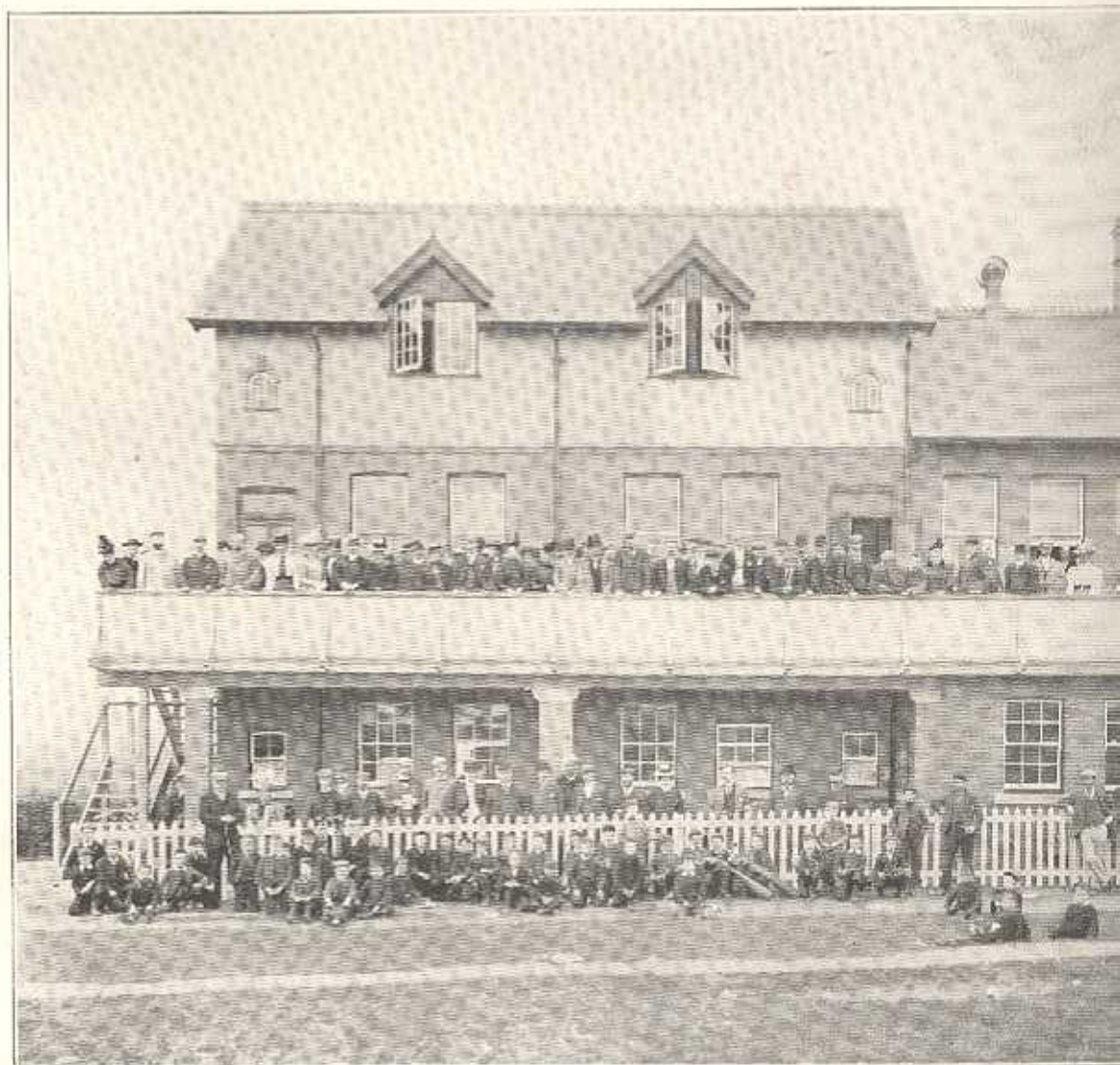
decided chiefly by the steady valour of the Soudanese regiments. The hardy and robust Nubian race produces very good soldiers, and now that some of our own countrymen are fighting by their side, we feel the more interest in presenting our Special Artist's sketch of a

where the 1st Brigade of his force, under Brigadier-General Meiklojohn, came into actual conflict with these foes, the neighbouring heights were found to be thronged by large numbers of the enemy, who had constructed "sangars" or ramparts of loose stones to aid in the defence of their position, and who bore standards indicating their battle array. Our illustration of this engagement is from a sketch furnished by one of the officers who took part in it, and shows the ground occupied by the troops as well as the scenery around. The battery of Field Artillery shelled the enemy from below, at range of between 1400 yards and 1600 yards; while the infantry were led round the position of the enemy's left wing, and when they ascended to make an attack upon it, the Swatic, much demoralised by the fire of the field-guns, immediately fled. This engagement was thus a speedy and complete success.

THE WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB.

A convenient building for the accommodation of this successful club, which was established in 1891, owing its foundation and prosperity to several gentlemen, Mr. A. J. C. Stanfield, Dr. J. Murray, Mr. B. Rowand, and Mr. C. W. L. Fernandes especially, at the links near Agbrigg Locks, on Heath Common, Wakefield, was opened last Saturday. It has been erected at a cost of £700 or £800 from plans furnished by Mr. A. H. Newbald, architect, a member of the club, on a site belonging to Mrs. Maynell Ingram, the lady of the manor, obtained on easy terms by Mr. W. Hurst, of Crofton Hall, the president, with the aid

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WAKEFIELD GOLF CLUB: NEW HOUSE AT HEATH LINKS.

of Mr. W. H. Stewart, who took a leading part in the meeting, followed by a series of daily golf-matches played until Wednesday. The club-house has an agreeable aspect, with a verandah or balcony overlooking the links, and rooms for ladies and gentlemen, besides a large hall.

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