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### **Fives in Brazil.**

Fives in Brazil has flourished in isolated spots for many years past. It was the custom, I believe, of the Western Telegraph Company to build a Fives court wherever they established quarters for their employees, and in this way courts were dotted down the Brazilian littoral. However, with the advent of labour-saving devices and the consequent reduction of staff these quarters were eventually closed and the courts were no longer available. All this happened some four or five years ago.

Apart from the courts which existed in the Telegraph Quarters there were only two others in Brazil and these were at the Athletic Club, Sao Paulo. They were of poor design and came into being almost by accident. Apparently the committee decided to build a Tennis practice wall, and in order to support it a member, who vaguely remembered Fives from his younger days, said, "Let us append two Fives courts in the form of an H"—and behold it was done.

The writer has pleasant recollections of many a strenuous game played in these primitive courts and especially of a match against the W.T., Rio de Janeiro, when our visitors managed to beat us by the narrow margin of eleven points in an aggregate of some nine hundred.

Recently these old courts were pulled down to make way for a swimming bath, but in the meanwhile the game was kept alive in Sao Paulo at St. Paul's School where a court had been constructed for the boys in 1934. They have taken readily to the game and show considerable keenness. The Athletic Club has now built a replica of the court at St. Paul's and it would appear that Fives, although unfortunately dead in the rest of Brazil, has at least a good future before it in Sao Paulo.