Rough Notes Taken During Some Rapid Journeys
Across the Pampas and Among the Andes

By Sir Francis Bond Head (1793-1875)

Sir Francis Bond Head went to the Argentine in 1825 as mining supervisor for the Rio Plata Mining Association, a group of English speculators whose ill-planned and financially disastrous idea it was to send Cornish miners to re-open old gold and silver mines in the former Spanish colonies. His Rough Notes, written in a staccato style that is surprisingly fresh, show a gutsy, resourceful adventurer—riding across the Andes on mules who sank into snow above their knees at every step; clambering down 250 feet of notched sticks to inspect a silver mine; foraging bluntly for food for his men in a land of scarcity. Bond Head later served as lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada from 1835 to 1837.

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