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Paolistas, Soldiers of the East Bank of the Plata.

These soldiers are represented at the door of a *pulpería* at Monte Video. One of them is taking *matté* [...], the leaf and fine shoots of a Paraguayan shrub, dried and coarsely pulverized, from which a beverage is made by putting a small quantity into a cup, and pouring hot water on it. [...] It is in use in every house all day long, and the compliment of the country is to hand the *matté*-cup to every visitor, the same cup and tube serving for all.

(E. Essex Vidal, "Picturesque Illustrations of Buenos Ayres and Monte Video etc.", London: R. Ackermann, 1820, p. 107)



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