

eyeing winging for our carelessness in not having seen them properly fastened up. The dining-room had French windows flush with the ground, which were always thrown open first thing in the morning. We sneaked in through them, and there, by and behold was our park, calmly basking in front of the fire.

"Cecilia was my first mount in a race, a five furlong currier, at Kempton Park, in 1884. A number of 'punters,' always on the look out for coincidences and possible 'good things,' backed Cecilia, thinking that my father would be sure to pick something good for my debut. Alas! I finished last, for I had been put up on the worst horse in the stable. There was a reason for my father's action; he purposely selected 'crocks' for my first half dozen races, arguing, and very rightly so, I think, that I might first watch others winning before I began winning myself. Perhaps a little superstition influenced him as well, for it is a curious fact that if a jockey begins by winning he is rarely successful afterwards. Anyway, I got some valuable lessons, and I backed Cecilia for me to add that whip and spurs were forbidden me for many years. My first success came at Salisbury in 1887, on a mare called Flint. She belonged to the late Mr. H. B. Troy, was trained by Charlie Morton, and I won by three lengths. This success was marked in my mind, for it was in my life—indeed, to be strictly correct, I had two falls in ten minutes. It was in the race for the Great Metropolitan Stakes at Epsom. I was riding Kostor, and at Tottenham Corner was lying second, when I struck into the heels of 'The City,' and, without even a word from Woodhouse, came out to the top of me, and George Chalmers followed suit, and landed on the top of both of us. They had something fairly soft to fall upon, but the unfortunate 'ambition' lay there half stunned. Promptly a mounted policeman galloped alongside, snatching me from my horse, and in a 'by your leave' over his horse, and there and there took me into custody. Then happened the second loss, but before my stern custodian had gone many yards I rolled off to the ground and lay motionless. Both my knees were put out, and it was many weeks ere I rode again. I have had many 'spills' since, but never one that could hold a candle to my Kostor loss." Of many exciting races "Money" regards the Newmarket Stakes of 1901 as the most successful. He won on that splendid "stray" named William the Third, and "heads" separated the first four horses. In sporting parlance you could have covered them with a handkerchief." Again among countless horses he has ridden, Cannon singles out two as his favorites. Flying Fox, on which he won his first, but one hopes, not last, Derby, in 1889, and old Eager, hero of many a famous fight.



A.R.C. SUMMER MEETING.

SUMMER CUP DAY.

The weather was again perfect for the Summer Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, which was continued at Ellerslie yesterday. The attendance was very good, though probably not so large as usual on several days of the summer meetings at Ellerslie. There were a number of fresh faces amongst the visiting forces, many having arrived via the wireless cable in distant districts on Boxing Day and on Monday. The various events filled very well, though there were several races in which the races. The totalisator revenue suffered in consequence of this to some extent, and though the sum of £12,321 was put through in the eight races, this was £764 short of the amount handled last year on the corresponding day. Some of the races were well-contested, but most of them were won easily, and Hewitt, whose style of riding is gaining in favour, was up on no fewer than four winners during the afternoon, and gave good exhibitions of the Stott's secret. The business of the afternoon commenced

with the Alexandra Handicap, in which St. Olga gave a lot of trouble and interfered with Petrova soon after the start so as to spoil that mare's chance. Gold Seal ran well for part of the journey, but Starshoot came from the three-furlong post and won easily enough from Delania, Petrova finishing in third place—a performance that did not satisfy the stewards, who called upon her rider for an explanation, which was given to their satisfaction. There were four runners in the Ponsonby Hurdle Race, but the race was confined to two—Spalpeen and Hantapu—and twice during the last three furlongs it looked as if the top weight had had enough, but he came at Hantapu after jumping the last hurdle and took his punishment like a racehorse, and wore down the light weight, who was ably ridden by Wilson. Spalpeen started favourite, Burns handled him well.

Though Stronghold was beaten in the Foal Stakes on Saturday by Beau Seaton and Kilmarnock, he finished close up to the last named in that race. He was lame on his arrival in Auckland, and was probably short of a gallop for two. However, he ran a good race yesterday, and he fairly romped home in Hewitt's hands; while Romola, the outsider of the seven runners, finished up fast, and defeated Beau Seaton for second place. Stronghold was favourite, so that there was a strong opinion that Romola's mounts were evidently being followed by punters, for they supported Quarryman, on whom he had the ride, selfishly, though that colt had been showing most satisfactory track work, and was very scarce. However, he was favourite, and Flint had a big following. The last named was the cause of a lot of trouble, but a good start was made. Flint got a very good run, but Romo received a lot of bumping, and under the circumstances ran a fair race, and Gladstone was always in a nice position near the front, and won in pleasing style, and paid the fine price of £15 15/6. McClosky rode this filly, who evidently stays well, Nonette was a starter with 10.0 on his back, but that anchored him. Just before the start the General kicked Ryan off the top weight, and was the cause of Flint's rider coming off also. Gladstone's breeding is of the best, she being a daughter of Seaton Delaval and Miss Gladys, half sister to St. Leger. Windwhistle was installed favourite for second place by narrow margin, and he too finished well. The South Canterbury pony Bulwago was considered so loudly treated in the Pony Handicap, though he had 10.3 on his back, that the opposition were frightened out, the only one to go to the post being Sally Horner, but 41.5 was not enough to bring this pair together, and Bulwago won from end to end, Hewitt sitting still on him. Brave Heart was made favourite for the Visitors' Plate, but Hewitt had to ride in good old English style over the last part of the journey, indeed was at the Chalmers' Billy hand all down the straight, and she answered as only a brave hearted one could do, and won by a head. It was hard luck for The Middy to get beaten after running so gamely a race, and few would have begrudged Mr. Cecil a win with his little colt. Gladstone, the only two-year-old to do battle, ran a good race. The hitherto disappointing Cyrus, by Cyrenian, ably handled by Buchanan, after a good race, beat Irish Ngatoro, and five others, including the favourite Wellcast, in the Waitemata Handicap, and then gave Cyrenian his best winning representative. Cyrus was the only three-year-old engaged in what was a weak field, in which Haydu had top weight, and ran tailing off badly nearly all the way. His stablemate Lord Raulph and Lord Northland, and Capt. Rosewater, A.D.C., and J. D. Omond, and Miss Jas. Carroll, and J. D. Omond, and Mr. L. De Pelechet were amongst the visitors.

ALEXANDRIA HANDICAP of 150sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Distance, 7 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes 455 Starshoot, 184 Delania, 231 Petrova.

Also started: 123, Gold Seal; 71, St. Olga; 195, Ida; 129, Green and Gold; 39, Lady Bobs.

St. Olga played up a good deal and delayed the start some time, but at last she did get away all right. St. Olga and Gold Seal getting right away. At the end of the first furlong Gold Seal was leading Starshoot, but passing the half-mile the latter was brought to the front, and he had the race all to himself, winning by three lengths comfortably. Delania being the same distance from Petrova, and the rest strung out. Time, 1:29 1/5. Dividends, £2 6/6 and £1 16/6.

PONSONBY HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters. 231—Spalpeen (Burns) 1 476—Hantapu (Wilson) 2 90—Jagard (Julian) 3

Also started: 45, Major. Hantapu and Spalpeen stuck well together throughout, the other two being well placed at the start. Major fell at the mile and a quarter, and for the last three furlongs gave-and-take. Hantapu was witnessed. Hantapu proclaimed the winner before the home turn was reached, and again at the last hurdle, but the stallion wore him down and won by half a length. Time, 3:29 2/5. Dividend, £2.

CRITICION HANDICAP of 150sovs. for two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes 627 Stronghold, 112 Romola, 476 Beau Seaton.

From a start from which Stronghold sprang out smartly, the field soon broke out, Stronghold leading Beau Seaton and Kilmarnock past the two-furlong post, and having a half-length lead at the end of the next furlong over Beau Seaton, while Kilmarnock was nearly two lengths behind. At the turn Stronghold's lead sprang and was as he faced by seven lengths. Romola, who finished fast, giving Beau Seaton a length. Kilmarnock and Galahad were close up. Time, 1:16 4/5. Dividends, £1 19/6 and £4 10/6.

SALISBURY WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs, second 350sovs, third 150sovs. One mile.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes 268 W. C. Ring's B. m. Miss Lottie, 245 J. George's ch. g. Maro.

Also started: 83, Count Kolmar, 9.0 (Buchanan); 102, Dolores, 8.9 (Deeley); 245, Jans, 8.7 (Jones); 27, Torchen, 8.7 (Christiano); 227, Newhour, 8.7 (Ryan); 121, Walkato, 8.6 (Spekman); 65, Crey, 8.6 (Chaffe).

Miss Lottie was smartest to begin, followed by Crey and Walkato to the turn, where both were apparently tiring, and Major and Dolores crept up and took their places, followed by Windwhistle. Miss Lottie was full of running, however, and won easily by five lengths, Maro just beating the faster bustling Windwhistle. Dolores and Count of Colmar coming next in order. Time, 1:42 2/5. Dividends, £4 13/6 and £1 15/6.

SUMMER CUP of 500sovs, second 250sovs, third 250sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes 124 J. R. Reid's ch. f. Gladstone, 790 P. James b. g. Romeo, 509 E. J. Watts' ch. m. Float.

Also started: 198, Nonette, 10.0 (Ryan); 261, Hibernia, 7.13 (Wilson); 513, Quarryman, 7.13 (Hewitt); 222, Putty, 7.10 (Seaton); 51, Maura, 7.4 (Milly); 56, The Needle, 7.4 (Race); 79, Onawa, 7.0 (Cross); 68, Jewellery, 6.10 (Gray).

The start was an excellent one, Putty getting away rather badly. Quarryman, Gladstone, Romeo and Float was the order passing the grandstand, when Float assumed command, half a length in front of Quarryman. Romeo, who was hampered at the turn, dropped back, and Jewellery took third place. Float and Gladstone were leading Quarryman at the cutting, where Romeo commenced to move up again. Gladstone, however, came on strongly, and won all out by two lengths from Romeo, who beat Float two lengths, the

rest being all hunched. Nonette and Jewellery at their head. Time, 2:10 1/5. Dividends, £15 15/6 and 16/6.

PONY HANDICAP of 100sovs, second 10 sovs, third 50sovs. Six furlongs. 23—C. and H. Teschemaker's ch. g. Bulwago, by Perkin Warbeck II. —Crest, 10.3 (Hewitt) 1 8—W. K. Carter's Sally Horner, 7.0 (Deeley) 2

The only starters. They both jumped off together, but Bulwago went to the front before reaching the five furlong post, and entered home an easy winner by four lengths. Time, 1:19. Dividend, £1 4/4.

VISITORS' PLATE of 100sovs, second 10 sovs. Five furlongs. 781—Sir G. Clifford's ch. f. Brave Heart, 3yrs, by Chalmers—Safeguard, 8yrs (Hewitt) 1 130 E. Cecil's The Middy, 9.0 (Lindsay) 2 400—H. Friedlander's Gladstone, 7.9 (Buchanan) 3

62, Coronation, 8.0 (Ryan); 216, Note-rant, 8.1 (Milly); 95, Curango, 8.11 (Milly); 369, Dr. Aroha, 8.9 (Spekman); 34, Daredevil, 8.9 (Deeley); 80, Nonomiana, 8.9 (Chaffe). The Middy cut out the work, closely attended by Gladstone and Brave Heart, but The Middy came out two lengths in front to the turn, and stuck at his work in a determined manner, but Brave Heart, in keeping with her name, was not to be denied, and struggling on caught The Middy in the last few strides, and won by a short race, Gladstone a length off third. Time, 1:14 2/5. Dividends, £1 16/6 and £3 13/6.

WAITEMATA HANDICAP of 100sovs, second 100sovs. One mile and a half.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes 354 H. Friedlander's b. c. Cyrus, 3yrs, by Cyrenian, 8.0, 7.11 (Buchanan) 1 91—Colbeck and Williamson's Irish, 7.0 (Deeley) 2 81—T. Wylie's Ngatoro, 7.0 (Cotton) 3

228, Haydu, 8.10 (Ryan); 430, Wellcast, 8.5 (Cross); 228, Escape, 7.7 (Seaton); 81, Vanquish, 7.0 (Gray). Ngatoro, Irish, and Cyrus were in the lead throughout. Haydu tiring off from the start. Entering the straight the order was unaltered, but Cyrus came under pressure, and won after a good finish with Irish by three-quarters of a length, Ngatoro three lengths off. Time, 2:43 2/5. Dividends, £2 17/ and £3 14/.

THIRD DAY.

GLADSTONE WINS THE DERBY.

The weather was fine for the third day's racing of the Auckland Racing Club, although the heavy rain on Thursday made the course a bit holding. There was a large attendance, including leading sportsmen from all parts of the colony and Australia. In the concluding half of the programme the Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 500sovs saw 11 face the starter, Watiki being a pronounced favourite. Romeo, who had Hewitt up, was also well backed. Torchen the outsider. Idea made the difference, as passing the stand was three lengths clear of Romeo, who was two lengths in front of Jewellery, General Symons, and Watiki. Memna last. Idea was still in front as they raced down the back and through the cutting, but going across the bottom stretch Romeo went up to her, and taking command was first into the straight from Idea, with Float half a length behind. Romeo, who was going strongly, had the race won inside the distance, as, although Float put in a strong challenge, he easily lost his advantage, winning by five lengths. Float finishing two lengths in front of Mars, who made up a lot of ground from the home turn. Watiki was fourth, Idea fifth, while General Symons, who stopped on the road, came in with the crowd. The Pony Race saw Gladys Rose favourite, Bulwago being nearly as equally backed. Bulwago carried the welter weight of 11.13, conceding no less than 5st 7lb to Little Mabel, who had the minimum weight of the 11 starters. Bulwago was assisting to make the running in the

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