journed until March 3. It is understood that the stewards intend going thoroughly into the matter, and that as an outcome some scusational developments may be ex-mented.

J. Finn has Golden Shipper and Belfry tocated at Caulifold. The New Zesiander had not done a great deal of fast work up to the time she left Sydney, but she prescribed a bright alphearance, and on the few occasions she was sent slong, did well snough to show there was no doubt as to the retention of her two year old pace, the retention of her two year old pace, the standard she will ever say is now doubted by than page and judges, remarks the Sydney "Referce."

Even in Domuerk interest in racing is developing. In 1908 43 meetings were decided on five different courses, there being awarded 49,4570 crowns and 33 objects d'art. The miles part of the petze money was taced for at Copenhagen, where 45,850 crowns were awarded, One hundred and one horses disputed the races, and the chief winter was M. C. Moresco's Machination, a datagater of Husbey Park, which himself has proved the most successful Affe.

One of the winning Jockeys at the recent Oakland (California) beeting weighed only felb. He is named Harrington, and is presumably the smallest as well as the young-test Jockey in the world. It is unique suddie exploit was greeted with almost hysterical appears. A he is the fee thousand expectation of the fee thousand the extraordinary confidence and ability with which the procedous youngster extricated his mount from a threatened mix-up at the start and drove her through close quarters into clear salling on the first turn, evoked exclamations of surprise on every hand.

Concerning the recommendation for the mutuels in England, ande by the guest of the dimersek this at their dimers, some of the dimersek this at their dimers, some of the advisability of the possibility of their being placed in use on the New York tracks next season. The mutuels (says a New York exchange) have been tried larely in Kentucky, where the system was made legal. Even with this they had not much success in a somewhat undurt text, but that acarcely implies that New York State would accept them next season in Heu of the old bookmaking system.

We have sometimes wondered (says the Sporting Times") what has become of Molfaa. As far as big jumping is concerned, we never saw a horse go over the Liverpool country as he did. He was sold to the King, for whom he did nothing, and eventually was presented by His Majesty to one of his equerties for a hunter, and, to the disgust of the equerry, he would not jump even the most trivial of fences. When he would not jump even the most trivial of fences. When he was the Grand National he had a long tail reaching to the ground, and up to then be had always run in that trim. Cossibly cutting his tail had the same effect on him as Delilah's halr-cutting business had on Samson.

At the annual meeting of the North New Zealand Coursing Club, the secretary, Mr C. S. Topper, presented the report and balance-sheet, which showed that the past season was the most successful yet experiment of the club. The following officers were cleft of the season of the club. The following officers were cleft of the club. The following officers were call steward, Mr W. C. Griffiths; flag steward, Mr C. Hunigan; gate steward, Mr C

The stipendiary steward movement is gradually gaining ground, converts being won over every day, and it tooks to be now only a question of time when they will be an accomplished fact. The latest metropolitum hedy to make a move is the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, and at a meeting of the committee held recently, it was decided to write to the clubs under their jurisdiction, asking for an expression of opinion on the matter. So far, the Auckind Racing Club bave not shown any signs of interest in the question, but it is to be hoped that it will not be long before they throw off their lethargy, and use their powerful influence to bring about the much-desired alternion.

Although an effort was made by a con-temporary to run the Dunodin Cup last Wednesday, the time-issussorred enerth-is-inclu-set down for decision until to-day (Wed-uesday). The acceptances for the Cup are the largest for some years, and are as follows:—

DUNEDIN CUP, of 400sovs. One mile and a balf.

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The victory of Soultline in the St. George's Stakes, which was run over a distance of a mile and a furious, at weight-for rage, points to the brilliant son of soult, as having improved as a stayer. The field which Southfine defeated contained some lugic class performers, and his vin was tall of morth. Southfine, it will be remembered, was disposed of by James Twolfel last spring for fields, so that probably bis new owner. If he is at all recognitively inclined, will be now well on his right size of the near. Surfillip followed up his great performance in the M. Futuity like a run dendered in the M. Futuity like a run charge in the size of the last spring the same of the basis of the last spring the Guilfield Futuity like a run charge on he now takes a like with the best sprinters yet seen the Australia.

Rule 21, part 3, of the rules of racing, provides that no trainer who is also a jockey, shall ride in a roce in which more than one horse trained (either wholly or partially) by bilmself, runs, and if he rides in a race in which a horse trained by bilmself runs, he shall ride that horse. The framers of the rule were evidently near who understood the line Trouts of acting, and it is a roce in the rule were evidently near who understood the line trained to make the succession of the rule were evidently near who understood the line trains of the recent than the rules. At the recent than the races, and while on haser something similar in their rules. At the recent than the races, and while one does not imply that in the present instance there was any supicion of frand, it will be at once seen how easily a swhalle could be worked under the prevailing conditions. In the interests of all concerned the local representatives of the New Zealand Trotting Association should bring the question up at the next conference, with a view to having an alteration made.

Sir Peter Walker, a prominent racing man and partner in the firm of Walker and Sons, brewers, has made a munificent gift for the relief of the unemployed of Liverpool. He has piaced at the disposal of the Food and Betterment Association a sum not to exceed £200,000, for the purpose of furnishing clothing and meals to the poor. An office has been taken in the centre of the city, and the work of relief was begun on December 20, whom hot pot dinners were distributed among men, women, and boys. In cases of sickness, or distressed families, motor vehicles will, it is reported, be employed to take food and clothes to the sufferers homes. Sie Peter Walker has a string of Jumpers at present under the charge of Lathan, at Osmaston Manor. Derby. He is the eidest of four some streining Mr. J. Reid Walker there will loss streining Mr. J. Reid Walker the suffered of Polar Star, are brothers of Sir Peter.

They are saying now in New York that the real price of Sir Martin and Edward was 75,0000dois, but that only 60,000dols of this was actual cash paid down by Louis Winaus, of Brighton, England, leaving Like Winaus, of Brighton, England, leaving Like Winaus, of Brighton, England, leaving Like the thin one of the work of the same that the control of the same that the control of the work of the same that the England. Sir Martin and Edward were offered to John Haggins to train in England for 45 per cent of the winnings, according to the most recent report of this good pair of American two-year-olds, but the latter declined. He had had a long training experience in that country, and besides being himself a well-to-do. If not wealthy horseman, did not care to return to England. Mr Huggins is no longer a young man, and he year. So the two horses were turned over to Blackwell at Newmarket at the usual training rates, and John Madden will himself overlook their preparation for the English, races. Of course, it is quite possible that Sir Martin will make the total price 75,000dols, as it was originally reported. The Perby and the other stake in which he is entered are considered not beyond bim, even by the best informed English horsemen. The fact that John Huggins was offered, the proposition of the west, the there of news that hitherto has not been made public.

Mr E. Stevenson, the Indian buyer, who owned Lionheart and Nouette, holds a high plulion of racing as carried on in Calcutta, Lucknow, and other centres in Britalus great tropical possession. He intends to get a shipment ready for next sensor prices asked in the stargered tropical possession. He intends to least been rather stargered by sea shitable for the stargered tropical possession. He intends to least been rather stargered by sea shitable for the stargered may be a shiften of the shift of the shiften of the shift of the shiften of the s

Following his usual custom at the end of the season, the Special Commissioner. In the "London Sportsman" prints interesting particulars relating to broad mares whose stock won races during the season. These mares are arranged under their sires in order of merit. For some years St. Simon or Bend Or headed these sanual lists, but this occasion sees Gallinule (10) at the head of the soil. His daughters produced witness of admitters heading them of the winners of E0.577, and Melton (8) third with £7, 130; then comes St. Simon's sire Galopin (3), £24,279. After this there is a drop to £14,338, whileh is credited to the daughters of Ayeshie-(8), a son of Hampton, and a grandson of Galopiu, likewise incar relation to Melton's than. Bend Or (1), who hitherto placed a simi-sport in these statistics, is sixth with £27,24, and, is followed the Season of the St. Simon's sire of Ayeshie heads as a statistical solution of the Season of the who holds high recover. Anophoty hences, to labelless, with 1984 and, three to enter whose distinguished by the 1984 and, three to enter whose distinguished by the 1984 and three to enter whose distinguished by the north 1988, or 223 he front of St. Serf 88; then consendent Googe, (12), with \$1748, and the American bred Manover (13) completes the first decen, with \$728, all of which was went by the froughth Miy Rhodors, who is out of a Ranover mare. In commenting on the appearance of the Ritcheran -Spun Gold gelding, Tuku Tuku, at the recent Takapuna meeting, "Augur," of the "N.Z. Times," says:—There is a title history attached to Spun Gold which is perhaps worth receiling. She was owned in the history attached to Spun Gold which is perhaps worth receiling. She was owned in the history attached to the control of the control Perhaps they said, "Oh, Jemima."

had to pay up, and try to do another bard thing under the circumstances—look pleasant. Perhaps they said, "Oh, Jemina!"

Mr. John Coriett does not believe in taking short odds menchs before a race. Recently he wrote: "Though horses won great taces last season of whose existence last Christmas Day many were not even aware, he bookmakers have not been tempted to open out in connection with forthcoming eyents, and a short price about Bayardo is all that we know about the berby. We well recollect the late James Wangh, who was a very cautious and prudent man, expessing surprise at seeing a horse backed the season of the season of the constant of the control of th

Considerable comment has been occasioned in the South in connection with the disqualification of Ingoda in the Lyticiton Plate, in which she fluished first. The matter was first mentioned by Mr J. B. Reid, who claimed that Ingoda, instead of being by Stepniak—Armigera, as nominated, was in reality the Miss Nienie filly. The "Canterbury Times," in a leader, speaks very strongly on the matter, and in the course of the sake of all concerned, that the doubt regarding the identity of the two fillies was not brought under the notice of the stewards before the race, as a lot of unpleasantness might have been averted. But, as the complaint was delayed so long, there is room for regret that the officials were in such a burry to conclude their deliberations and announce their decision. As things stand at present, of course, the official position is that it was Zewila; by Stepniak—Miss Nienter, Insiak Zewila; by Stepniak—Miss Nienter, the same time, and Lyttletton Plate. At the same time, and with all deference to the vlews of the gentlemen who gave evidence before the stewards as to the identity of the two fillies, it seems far from clear yet, that the position has been satisfactorily cleared up. As a matter of fact, if we can rely on current talk, there are many good Junges, who are confident that no mistake has been made by Mir Rutherford. Some of these hase their opinions on their recollection of the two fillies as they appeared in the service of the standard of the service of the service

which the Miss Niente filly, it would alsolve Mr Rutherford from all responsibility as to any mistake which may have been also as to the identity of the two filles. It for all the circumstances, it seems at 137 the last the circumstances, it seems at 137 the last become decision was announced by the stowards of the stowards of the stowards of the stowards which is finally settled yet, but we should not be supprised to find further action taken. The surprised to find turther action taken the surprised to th

On the question of whether the administer-ing of oxygen to horses was to be con-sidered as upon the ferritary of the English Jockey Club, peaking the par-ther servants. Messry, peaking the par-declared the treatment of horses with new declared the treatment of horses with a ve-gen "specially so applied!" as coming with-in the realm of "dope." The following ex-plains the position:— Veterinary Establishment, Victoria-street, Blabop Auckland, Sept. 21, 1908. To the Stewards of the Jockey Club,—

Yours faithfully.

JAMES G. DEANS.

THE REPLY OF THE JOCKEY CLUB.

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To that letter a reply dated September
30, 1908, read as follows:
Dean Sin-In reply to your letter, of
September 26, addressed to the stewards of
the Jockey Club, I am instructed to inform
you that the administration of oxygen
gas, in the yap you sliggest would certainly be considered one of the methods
of affecting the speed of a horse which,
under rule 176, would be met with the
severest penalty.—I am, yours faithfully.

E. M. WEATHERBY.

I. G. Denna Esn. Victoria-street.

J. G. Deans, Esq., Victoria street, Bishop Augktand.

He was a charming old gentieman, but of worldly wisdom be was as innocent as any new-born babe. He had mild blue eyes, a long white beard, and a nervous annuner; and when the Countess of Appleshire of ferred him the vacant living of Market Appleton she thought it well to give him a word of advice.

"Then there's he racing set," she instructed him, and shuddered, for the Countest of the counterpart of the coun

the trainers, for every training means a small army of attendant stable-boys.

The vicar thanked her and withdrew. He had to admit, after the first Sunday, that the big parish church was deplorably empty, though the Countees was a host in herself, and was, of course, accompanied by a group of subdued servants from the castic. The ylear decided that he must be the cutted that he must be the cutted that he could be the cutted that he will be the cutted that he could be the cutted that he c

sympathy.
"I'm very sorry to bear that; what alls.

"I'm very sorry to bear that; what musher?"
"That's jest it; I duno," was the reply,
"But surely you have called a dector;
what does he say?"
"Oh, he shi't no good, dodderin' old fool!!!!
Mr. Higgins exchaimed flerrely. Then begianced keenly at the vicar.
"Tell you what, sir; if you'll put in a word for her tomorrow, the whole ling bang of us'it come
the vicar heamed. "I shall be very glad,"
he said, sincest trenbling with deligh!
"Done with you, sir," said Mr. Higgins,
and trotted off.

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