

Edwin Forber the American who years ago invented a starting machine did not live to see his idea adopted on his native tracks as he died a month ago.

July, the full-brother to Sir Modred, who was recently purchased by Mr J. B. Haggin, the American breeder, has arrived at the Rancho del Paso Stud and has made a most favourable impression.

Referring to M. Edward's suspension at Lancaster Park "Spectator" writes:—"After the Maiden Plate had been decided the stewards had M. Edwards and C. Kerr, the respective riders of Bed of Stone and Master Chub, before them to explain the trotting of those two horses. Miss Graham drew away from her opponents from the start, and would no doubt have beaten both had they trotted kindly. In disqualifying Edwards for one month, and reprimanding Kerr, the stewards were, I think, under the impression that neither of the riders had done their best in the early part of the race. Why any distinction was made I cannot say, but it appears to me that the stewards should have taken advantage of the rule giving them power to put up other horseman. This is not always a satisfactory way of acting, as horses trot better for those who know the as a rule than for strangers. The fact that Edwards was willing to allow Bed of Stone to be tried by any horseman the Club might wish to put up, must be stated in his favour, and it must further be stated that Bed of Stone has never done so well previously. The stewards are to be commended for trying to make all jockeys ride their horses out, especially when they give prizes for places as is now becoming the custom.

The Eltham Club are so pleased at making £150 over their last meeting that they will probably offer a £200 prize next season.

A New Orleans bookmaker has had a phenomenally successful career. Not many years ago Barney Schriber was a porter in a Kansas city store. To-day he is one of the big moguls of the western turf, owning a breeding farm, a very large stable of thoroughbreds, usually having three or four race books on at a race meeting and last, but not least, with ready cash galore.

An ever increasing mortality in connection with the St. Simon foals at the Welbeck Abbey stud caused the Duke of Portland to make investigations with the result that it was found that the mortality was due to the fact that the paddocks at Welbeck Abbey had been in use for over a hundred years. It is considered that they had become foul and were in all probability the breeders of disease germs that affected the foals with fatal results. The Duke has removed his breeding establishment and will fallow his paddocks.

When you talk of a New Zealand hack Sydneyites repeat the word "hack" satirically. If you want heavy weighting you have only to call your prad a Maoriland hack and he'll get it for sure. Sydney Referee writes:—"Dart's owner no doubt regrets now that he did not start him in the Hurdle Race at the Hawkesbury Meeting, where he was handicapped at 9.7, or 12lb less than he carried into second place at Randwick on Saturday. After seeing him perform both in the Hurdle Race and Steeplechase, most people are more than ever convinced that New Zealand "hacks" are closely akin to racehorses."

Jockey Williams, a Victorian cross-country rider, had the good fortune to draw Patroness in Oxenham's Sydney Cup sweep. The night before he heard what he had drawn, Williams dreamt that Patroness won the Cup.

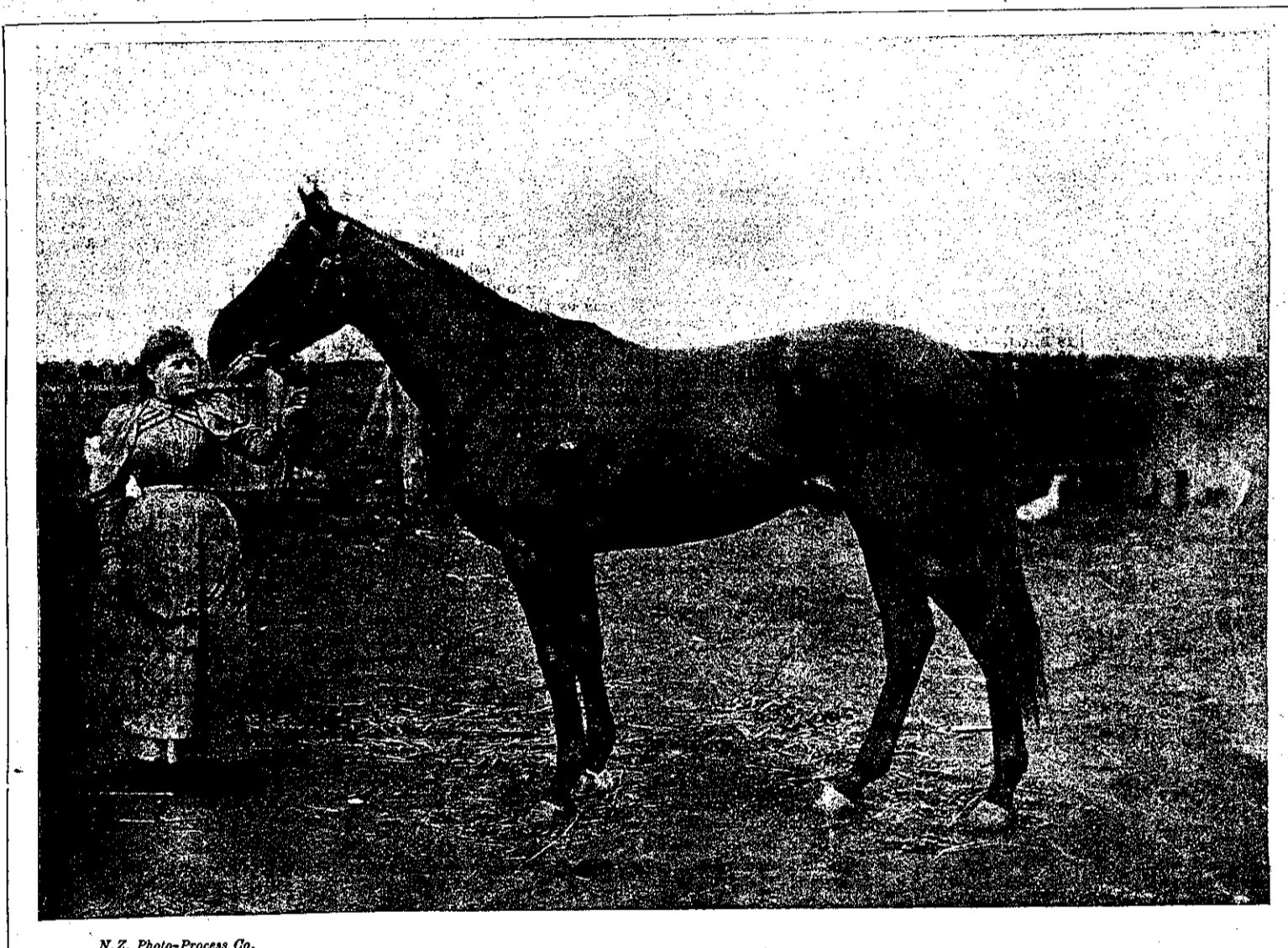
"Reginald," the Melbourne turf-writer, states there is some likelihood of the English-bred Tostig, who was recently imported from India, being put into work at Flemington, with a view to preparing him for racing purposes. Tostig is quite sound on his legs, and as he is not a great deal above himself it would not take long to get him ready for service under silk.

In commenting on the frequency of racing accidents the Australasian asks: "Are our jockeys too reckless in trying to dash through openings, or do they ride foul, or is bad riding and an inability to steer on the part of some of the boys responsible for these constant collisions and falls? We think that to a combination of these causes are due many of the mishaps which have occurred. The Australian boy is allowed to ride in public before he is well grounded as to the obligations of a jockey. In England he must be able to ride before he can pose as jockey. Here the scarcity of light-weights gives any boy who shows any promise the chance of becoming a jockey before he has gone through anything like the training which is required in England. The consequence is that these boys of little ability and no fear jump off with the sole idea of getting home as fast as they can, and besides riding an abominably bad race, they are crowding in on the rails all the time, and bringing about those 'scrimmages,' which often end harmlessly, but occasionally result in falls and fatal accidents."

In purchasing our champion racer, Carbine, the Duke of Portland was not influenced altogether by the horse's great reputation. He has a theory that the Musket blood will nick with his St. Simon mares. He has already tried St. Simon with an almost full sister to Musket and believes that a son of Musket will bring in just the sort of blood reinforcement that the daughters of St. Simon need. His grace has I understand written to Australia with a view of purchasing some of the daughters of Mersey for his stud.

Trainer Chaaffe will not train Mr S. C. Caulton's pair, The Sharper and Deadshot, in future. The horses have been taken in hand by the owner's son, Mr A. S. Caulton, who should know a thing or two about training, judging by the great nick in which he sent The Sharper out at Gisborne when the Kalo horse ran second to such a sterling racer as Mahaki, and beat St. Kilda but lost the win owing to the stewards finding Mr Caulton's horse guilty of a cross at the start. The black horse was then in great form and with that sort of polish at his command Mr Caulton, junr., should have his team in good order when we take up racing again next season. Besides The Sharper and Deadshot the string (which is housed at Harry Harrison's old stables at the corner of Green Lane and Vincent Road) includes a bay yearling filly by Castor from Madcap, and a chestnut filly by Hotchkiss from Yattaghan. Mr Caulton also has in work a six year old half-brother to The Sharper, whose work will be over the hurdles. There is room for some additional horses in the stable, and Mr Caulton, junr., is open for engagement either as a trainer or breaker-in.

The Winner of the Thompson Handicap



N.Z. Photo-Process Co.

WAIUKU (by St. Leger-Musket Maid).

The Dominion of Canada has decided that pool rooms are illegal.

The new rules of American racing provide that in purse races six or more horses must start or the race may be declared off; that no jockey under contract to a particular stable shall be allowed to ride an outside horse in a race in which his stable has an entry; that if a jockey weighs in at overweight his horse shall not be disqualified, but the rider shall be fined, suspended, or ruled off; and that if a horse makes an unavoidable swerve and hits another he shall not be disqualified if the horse he hits finishes in front of him, provided he does not interfere with any horse that finishes behind him.

A correspondent contributes to the London Sporting Life the following system of backing the races, which he states he has followed successfully for a number of years: "Back the favorite in the first race of the day; if it goes down, take the same course with regard to the second race, going for a fixed amount and recovering the lost stake; should this lose, cover for the lost stake and half as much again as the original stake, and, win or lose, do not touch another race that day; and in either event follow the same rules next day. I have never known a losing week by this system." He states that his own practice is to bet to win £20 (\$100) each day. Systems of betting, however, appear to be of less consequence in themselves than the ability of the individual to adhere religiously to the particular system selected, and, therefore, that one man succeeds through following a system is no guarantee that another would be similarly successful.

Edward Corrigan, one of the leading turf men of the U.S.A., has a tremendous string of horses in work. He has 79 racers in his stable.

The A.J.C. committee has decided not to make any alteration in the amount of the stakes for 1895-96, but it will discontinue the two biennial stakes, the last of which will be run at the spring meeting in 1895. In future the Biennial Stakes Race, for two-year-olds, run at the autumn meetings, will be termed the Easter Stakes, and that run at the spring meetings for three-year-olds the Duff Memorial Stakes. The conditions in each event and the prize money will remain as hitherto, but the distance in the race for three-year-olds will be reduced from a mile and a quarter to a mile. In addition, nominations for these races will be taken respectively at the time of the general entry for the autumn and spring meetings, and not in June as at present.

Artist Henry Stull a famous American painter of horses writes concerning Ormonde:—"As he stands at ease he has an apparent tendency towards squareness, but I think this impression is caused by the high setting on of his tail and the superb arch of his neck, heightened by the fact that he always keeps his legs well under him, so much so that a vertical line from the extreme point of the quarter to the ground would fall quite decidedly outside a similar line from the point of the hock downward. As the view extends the first impression of legginess disappears, and the eye is filled with the perfect balance and symmetry of all his points. I have painted almost all the horses of note during the past fifteen years, and I never before saw a horse that impressed me so profoundly as Ormonde."

The question as to the eligibility of a gelding entry to the English Derby has been raised through the announcement that Mr P. Lorillard, the Yankee owner, had entered his two-year-old gelding Dacotah II., in the classic event. Many people fancy that geldings cannot contest Derbies, but such is not the case.

The list of Indian Cup winners for the last ten years shows that only one, Moorhouse, went to the stud to enrich the turf in the land of the rajahs. Metal came to Australia, Metallic went back home, while all the others, bar Mercury who died at the beginning of his second season, viz., Myall King, Pennant, and Highborn, were gelded before going to India. Thus the Cup race has not affected the rising generation of horses bred in India.

A good story is told of a well-known bookie on the occasion of his travelling to Paris to see the Grand Prix decided. While crossing the Channel on the return journey one of the passengers fell overboard, and the bookie, being an expert swimmer, went after him and effected a rescue. Loud was the applause and hearty the greetings when the metalician clambered back on deck, after having been relieved of his burden, and the delighted witnesses of his heroic act declared that he should be recommended for the Royal Humane Society's medal, and that he would be sure to get it. And then the bookie fairly gave himself away, and at the same time shook the sentiment out of the performance as he shook the water from his clothes, as he calmly observed, "You see, I couldn't afford to let him go, for he lost a hundred to me over the last race!"

One of the most astonishing breaches of the rules that I have heard of is where a man on the black list acts as steward, assistant handicapper, starter, etc., of a country club. He would neither make good his default nor allow his friends to do so for him, declaring that his name had no right to be where it is. How came it there, and why does he not seek redress if that is the case are questions naturally asked.—Spectator.

Recent measurements show that Kremlin, 2.07½, the American champion trotting stallion of 1892, measures 64 inches in height and length, and girths 71½ inches. Ormonde and Carbine, the most celebrated thoroughbred stallions of the day, are 65½ inches high and girth 69 inches. Kremlin is not as tall a horse by an inch and a half, but his girth measurement indicates more strength and lung capacity than either of these famous runners.

A bill has been introduced at Albany (U.S.A.) to regulate the practice of horseshoeing. The provisions of the bill are as follow: All masters horseshoers in this State must be registered in the county in which they reside; all masters horseshoers must pass an examination, must be citizens, and must have served an apprenticeship of four years; the Board of Examiners shall consist of two veterinary surgeons and three master horseshoers; a certificate shall cost two dollars; the fraudulent obtaining of certificates or violation of the requirements of the act shall constitute a misdemeanour, punishable by not less than a fine of 50 dollars or more than 250 dollars, or by punishment in the county gaol for not less than ninety days or more than two years, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Geo. Fowlds is selling men's tweed suits for 10s 6d at the sale of Moore's salvage stock.