[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WELLINGTON.

June 28.

Revolt, who, as I informed REVIEW readers some time ago, had to be stopped in his work, owing to bruised heels, was taken to Hastings to compete in the Maiden Steeplechase, having thrown off his soreness to a considerable extent. However, while being schooled over the fences previous to the meeting, in company with Austral, he cannoned against the latter with the result that Revolt went lame again, and was therefore unable to fulfil his engagements at the meeting. For my own part, I think his owner made a great mistake in sending the horse to Hastings, as it would have been a far wiser policy to treat him gently for a time after developing the soreness, and have waited for the United Hunt Club's Meeting here next month. I have not heard whether Revolt's injuries are serious, but I trust not, as he is a capable fencer, and should earn a winning bracket over big fences for his owner this season if fit and well.

Crystal justified the confidence I reposed in him by winning the Maiden Steeplechase at him by winning the Braden Steeplechase at Hestings for his popular owner, Mr "Josh" Brosser, of Pocirus. Mr Prosser was unable to go to Hastings with Gaspirini's half-brother, Mr A. Peters going in charge of the horse. Crystal, although rather on the small side for a crosscountry nag, is made of the right stuff, and is an honest jumper, which goes a long way now a days in steeplechasing.

Great interest has been centred in sporting Great interest has been centred in sporting circles over a boxing match of twenty rounds for £50 a side, between Wm. Fisher, the well-known amateur boxer of this city, and H. Placke, better known as "Dutch Harry," who has performed some excellent swimming feats. The match took place on Monday night, but the police stopped it efter four rounds had been fought. Placke after four rounds had been fought. Placke knocked Fisher down twice in the first round, catching him once on the chin, but the remaining rounds were evenly contested, both men receiving punishment. Opinions differ as to how the match would have ended, but I fancy Placke's superior weight would have told at the finish, although Fisher displayed more scientific boxing than his opponent, warding off the blows in a masterly manner. It was a lively contest while it lasted, both men fighting in real express from the start. The police have since instituted proceedings against the principals concerned in the match, and have served summonses on Fisher, Placke, James Walden (referee), H. Woods and W. Shipton (timekeepers), and G. Cloke and W. Shipton (timekeepers), and G. Cloke and C. Richardson (seconds). Those present at the match included a large number of gentlemen who move in high circles in town. Surprise has been expressed at Detective Campbell allowing the contest to take place at all if he intended to stop it during its progress, which I understand was his intention

W. T. Bax, of Blenheim, succeeded in his attempt to break the world's record for club swing-ing here on Monday and Tuesday, his time being was capable of continuing for another hour or so. The weather was bitterly cold during the time he was at his task, and fires bad so be kept burning in the rooms, as the exercise with the 2lb clubs was insufficient to keep him warm. I un-derstand he is to receive a beneft for his splendid performance.

The Poneke footballers, after an unbeaten Ine roneke lootoallers, alter an undeaten record for three years, have at last had their colours lowered, the Petone team defeating them by 12 points to nil on Saturday. The Poneke team were weak in their back division, Lusk being unable to play owing to an injured knee, while Galloway was also partially disabled from injuries received in the Napier match. The Petone men beat their opponents in every department of the game, Roberts playing excellently at three-quarters. Melrose also beat Wellington by 9 points to nil. The first round for the senior shield has now been completed, Petone leading with three wins and a draw, Poneke and Athletics coming next with two wins and a draw.

[BY WIES.]

July 2.

The informations in connection with the recent boxing match were dismissed yesterday. the S.M. holding that the evidence showed it was a friendly boxing match under the Marquis of Queensbury rules. Placke did not appear, the police being unable to serve him with a summons, his whereabouts being unknown.

DUNEDIN.

[BY WIRE.] July 2.

Owing to continued bad weather no work of importance is going on at the Forbury, all the horses being restricted to exercises on the roads and beach.

Mariner, Rangiatea, and Maremma are being pushed forward as much as possible, in view of the welter events at the Christchurch Grand National Meeting.

Smuggler is improving a lot in the hands of Flockton, a young trainer and hurdle rider, who has had good experience about South Canterbury His last charge was Invader, with whom he did well by winning several jumping races. If Smuggler can ever be got back to his old form again he will effect a big coup one of these days.

You will have heard by this that it has been decided not to send Hippomenes over to Sydney. The authority for the statement made by me in the first instance was McIlroy himself and a son of one of the owners. There is, I think, no doubt the horse's connections contemplated sending him.

The Dunedin bookmakers have petitioned the local Jockey Club to license them at the Forbury, and have promised to contribute a considerable sum of money for the privilege of betting. The subject came under the consideration of the committee at their monthly meeting last Thursday, with the result that a resolution was passed relegating the subject for the time being to a subcommittee, which will make enquiries as to the way such licensing works with the Auckland Racing club. The sub-committee is to report thereon at the next monthly meeting. I hope this will prove the beginning of the end of the squabbling that has existed for so long with the metallicians and the club. The more stringent measures adopted by the latter in endeavouring to keep the books off the course, the greater has been the falling off in the totalisator revenuean evident proof that the members of the public do not relish the stopping of their chance of making small investments with Ringmen.

Our bookmakers did very well over the Hawkes Bay Steeplechase Meeting. One layer, Mr Abe Moss, had several pounds invested on Norton by a backer, with a proviso that if Mr Gollan rode him it was to be no wager. This prejudice against the owner saved the bookmakers about £70, and may be taken as the cause of the big dividend paid on Norton's win.

The public generally are very dissatisfied with the N.Z. Cup handicap. The grumblers allege that it is framed on altogether too low a scale North Atlantic was at once established favourite at 100 to 8 (taken), and Skirmisher was quoted at a similar figure, and found some sup-port. He had been backed for a good bit prior to the handicap. I was certainly surprised to see him range alongside North Atlantic in the quotations, seeing he had to meet the latter on several pounds worse terms than he did in the Great Autumn. Mahaki ranges next at 100 to 7 (taken). Saracen is being supported at 100 to 6, and several centuries have been taken about him. Magazine has been backed to the extent of a thousand, the wagers being laid against him at fours and fives. He is fairly thrown in if any Marino is being enquired after at fives, good. and Aldershot has been supported for £1000 at 100 to 2 and 100 to three. This is all the wagering I have heard of.

The Waterloo Cup has turned out a dead failure this season, only eight entries having been received. The Stakes dwarfs all the other gatherings of the season, and it is very question able if it has improved coursing here.

The Americans have taught Englishmen to look with eyes of favour at the time test. Until the Yankees opened their recent Newmarket cam paign English racing men pooh-poohed the clock, but their eyes have been opened and the advocates of clocking trials are growing in number every day. The London Sportsman writer, "North Yorkshireman," declares himself in favour of the system decisive victory scored in the Crawfurd Plate by Mr Croker's American bred and trained horse, "Here is a horse tried simply against time. heavily, backed in consepuence, and winning. One of our trials would not improbably have been run at a false pace and the result altogether upset in the race." Sportsmen in this part of the world have always accepted the watch as the correct method of sizing up the chance of a racer, but excellent as the system undoubtedly is, it has its dis dvantages. A horse may run you a winbing time a couple of days before a race and yet s e unplaced to a winner who probably scores in everal second longer than the "ticking " galloped to by your animal. An owner who plunges on the watch generally meets with the fate of the pitcher that went to the well so often. They both get smashed.

Turf Topics. [By REVIEWER.]

Fortunatus goes to India this month. Deadshot was backed in town this week for the N.Z. Cup.

Quad ant has been doing the "also ran" business in Sydney of late.

Several coupons have been unavoidably held over until our next issue.

Mr Reid, of Rangitikei, has purchased the steepler Egmont for £100.

The distance post does not usually exist on the trotting tracks of France.

I understand Mr Stead has decided to have a fly at the A.J.C. Derby with Mannlicher.

Frantic gave up the ghost while running in the Williamstown Steeplechase on June 29th.

The trotting records of France show that only two French-bred horses have trotted in 2.30 or better.

Auseer (by Robinson Crusce from Aurora) has been bought in Melbourne on behalf of an Indian purchaser.

Oxide and Carlton (Pile's) have been scratched for the Melbourne Cup, and Marusa is out of the Caulfield Cup.

A nice light-weight Melbourne Cup trio out of one stable—Bob Ray 7.8, Ilchester 6.12, and Cartridge 6.11.

Lottie came down from the Waikato this week but the state of the Ellerslie track has prevented anything approaching work.

Mr Gleeson shook up the trotters at Hastings last week by winning the Hastings Cup Trot (saddle) with Katie M., who paid £16 3s.

There are two pair of full brothers in the Mel-bourne and Caulfield Cups, viz., Ilchester and Ialanthus, and Chiniquy and Damien.

Bob Ray, Auraria, and Wallace head the market for the V.R.C. Derby. Seven to one was the offer against them when the last mail left.

One of Maxim's youngeters gained fame on the Louisville (Kentucky) track on May 13 easily winning a big mile handicap in 1.401. by

It is believed on the Sydney side that The Admiral will prove S. G. Cook's mainstay in the Melbourne Cup. The Harvester may be scratched shortly.

Capstan is showing such determination not to risk a fall at a hurdle that he cannot be persuaded to jump freely. His fencing lessons have therefore been temporarily discontinued.

Antic, carrying 8.4, ran unplaced in a 14.2 Kensington (Sydney) Park handicap on the 20th ult. and met with a like fate when tried in a similar race at Rosebery Park on the 25th.

Millionaire McCalmonts' famous racer, Isinglass, has finished his racing career. The owner has withdrawn the horse from all engagements and intends sending him to the stud this season.

The lines most favoured by local backers for the N.Z. Cup are Skirmisher, Gipsy Grand, Mahaki, Irish Twist, Impulse, Pegaeus, and Skirmisher is most in demand at eights. Lottie.

Sheet Anchor should have a fairish chance of scoring as a sire in the Caulfield Cup, seeing that he has seven of his get engaged. His represen-tatives are—Laundress, Capstan, Best Bower, Charon, Duhallow, and Buccaneer.

Mr J. F. Cruickshank reports having transacted the following N.Z. Cup business -100 to 8 Skirmisher; 100 to 7 Gipsy Grand; 100 to 6 Mahaki and Irish Twist; 100 to 5 Impulse, Pegasus and Lottie. These are the favourite lines.

Punters who are contemplating taking a long shot at The Harvester for the Melbourne Cup may be advised to hold their valour by the neck for a bit. The Harvester has a cronk leg and may not stand a preparation.

A four-year-old, Atlas, is favourite for the Caulfield Cup. Will be break the bad luck that has followed horses of that age for eleven years? The last time a four-year-old got home in this Cup was in 1883, when Calma caught the eye of the judge.

Devon deserves a win in one of the big Aus-tralian Cups, on account of the hard luck he has experienced. This consistent animal has finished second in three Oup s in the tropolis, viz., at Melbourne, Caulfield, and Williamstown.

The first annual sportsmens' exposition was being held at Madison Square Garden when the last mail left 'Frisco. Reports of the Show state that there was a magnificent display of every-thing appertaining to sports, including mounted as well as living specimens of game animais.

The boss plunger of the American turf, Riley Grannan, is said to have lost £20,000 in the last four months. This bookmaking meteor is a young fellow who a few years back was a hotel porter. Now he has an army of pencillers work-ing under his direction, and they say he regards a loss of twenty thou. as a more bagatelle.

In all probability "Tattersall" will bring off the St. Alban's Art Union some time this month, therefore those who have not yet secured either the estate or Trenton had better lose no time in rectifying their error. Some of the St. Alban's prizes are engaged in the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups, so it is on the cards that some fortunate speculator will gain both a racehorse and a big stake.

A members of the famous George Wilkes A members of the famous George Wilkes family of trotters died in Kentucky last month. This was the great trotting stallion Bourbon Wilkes, who succumbed to an abscess on the lauge. He was by George Wilkes from Fayourite (2.35²), a daughter of Abdallah. The stock of Bourbon Wilkes has a stock of Bourbon Wilkes has done some great things on the track. The three best of his get are Bourbon Wilkes, Jr., $(2.14\frac{1}{2})$, Coast Boy $(2.10\frac{1}{2})$, and Coastman $(2.8\frac{1}{2})$.

A horse on whose Caulfield Cup change I feel particularly sweet is Best Bower, who has been described as the best of the Sheet Anchors. Best Bower's dam is Eicelsior, who was got by Gang Forward from Azema (imp.), by Flying Dutchman from Arrogante, by The Cossack from Imperieuse, by Orlando. Best Bower's pedigree fills the eye in a very taking fashion, and I am advised that looks and track work are in keeping with the breeding.

In addition to scoring a hurdle win at Mentone (Vic.), Dart, Mr W. Keith's old Gipsy King horse, showed a game fight at Caulfield on June 22nd, by running fourth to Emmaléa (piloted by the redoubtable J. E. Brewer), in the V.A.T.C. Hurdle Race. Dart had 10.8, which gave him a 15lb pull of the winner, but I understand Emmalea is a scorcher over sticks. The fact that the racer named has strong support for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles (run next Saturday) shows what sort of jumper he is.

It is said that an offer of 6,000 sovs has been made for Alix, the queen of American trotters, by a continental racing man, but the owner of the mare is holding out for 10,000 sovs. Ten thousand for a trotter reads "a bit thick," but thousand for a trotter reads "a bit thick, we must remember that Alix is the clipper that took down Nancy Hank's world famous record of a mile in 2min 4sec by leaving a mile behind her in 2min 3³/₄sec. The owner of Alix is confident that before next season is over his wonderful mare will realise that dream of trotting men, viz., a mile in two minutes.

The last 'Friseo mail brought news of the arival of a fresh equine wonder on the American Turf. The two famous three-year-olds of the West, The Commoner and Halma (both by Hanover) met in a mile and a furlong fight on the Lexington (Kentucky) track. The Commoner carried 8.10, and Halma, who had 51bs less, won without whip or spur in the remarkable time of 1min 543eec. That the pace was hot from first to last is shown by the fractional timing of the race, which shows the furlongs were left behind as follows: -12sec, 243sec, 36 45sec, 494sec, 1min 14sec, 1min 14sec, 1min 274sec, 1min 402-5sec, 1min 524sec. This time comes within a second of the unbeaten Tristan's record at Morris Park four years ago Two days after this great race Halma romped home in the Kentucky Iberby, winning from end to end in 2min 374sec. Hanover) met in a mile and a furlong fight on Derby, winning from end to end in 2min 371sec. The reports say the colt was never extended, so it is evident he is a clipper.

Mr Keith sold Dart and Bushboy, too soon. Their new owner, Mr. W. Kelso, took them from Sydney to Melbourne last week and the pair won at the first time of asking. It was at the Men-tone races that the pair were tried with the result that they scooped a double in a very easy manner. Dart started favourite at 3 to 1 against for the mile and a quarter Mentone Hurdles, in which he had 10.10 to carry, and won by a length, while Bush Boy with 8.2, in the six and a length, while Bush Boy with 8.2, in the six and a half furlong welter handicap, fairly romped home in 1min 264 sec his nearest follower being seven bad lengths away. As was the case with Dart, his stable mate Bush Boy was first choice at threes. The jumping race had a field of four-teen runners including Figaro, Navarino, Chester-man, and Wooncoke, while the welter race was contested by such good ones as Selim, War Dance, and Lucid and a dozen others, so the pair of erst Maorilanders were decidedly complimented by being put at the top of the betting. by being put at the top of the betting. Although the Yankee racing men at present sojourning at Newmarket brought off a big gamble by nominating one of their cracks. Banquet 11., for an unimportant selling race, which they made a monte of by entering the horse at a very low price, they burnt their fingers in en-deavouring to bring off a similar scoop. Banquet landed a £6000 commission at fair odds, so the enterprising owners could afford to lay out the 1510 sovs. which they had to part with in buying back their creack. But the reverse side of the picture was shown them when they tried a similar deal with Stonenell, another member of the invading string. The horse was entered to be sold for £400, and scent-ing another "moral" the stable had a dash. And, remember, when Yanks "dash" they generally do it in capital letters. Unfortunately. Stonenell got off badly, and the rider, not seeing his way to annexing No. 1 position, took care to be unplaced, being under the impression (as'were the owners) that an unplaced selling plater could enterprising owners could afford to lay out the the owners) that an unplaced selling plater could not be claimed. But they got a rude shock when the owner of the second finisher claimed a sale. The Yanks were so disgusted at their error that they let Stonenell go at £500.

Rip Van Winkle received substantial support for the New Zealand Cup here on Saturday, about £1200 being taken about the youngster. Austral returned from his unsuccessful trip to Hastings on Saturday.

The Hult tracks are in a bad state, owing to the recent stormy weather.

Revolution continues to do good work when it is practicable, and Swordfish has been enjoying a spell.

A couple of two-year-olds have joined Peter's stable at The Hutt. One is Australian bred, and the other is by Lord Mandeville.

Harry Honor has Bloomsbury and a half-sister to Scabreeze in work at Fielding.

The Poneke footballers again suffered defeat on Saturday, Atbletics proving their superiors by 18 points to nil. The Poneke team was a by 18 points to nil. The Poneke team was a weak one, Elison being unable to play owing to his knee giving way way again. Gallaway and Tuck were also not fit to play, but they persisted in doing so. The Athletic forwards completely ran over their opponents. Swindley scored two tries, whilst Glasgow and Kelly took one each. Kelly of the Athletics played a rattling game on the wing, and was more than a match for his nameakee in the Poneke. namesakes in the Poneke.

Melrose defeated the Petone Club (who were leading for the championship) by 6 points (two tries) after a stubborn fight. This defeat came as a surprise. The Athletics and Petone are now leading for the Senior Shield with 7 points each.

THE HALF-AND-HALF CIGAR.

This is half bad and half not half bad. The not half bad half is at the forward end, and when it is lighted the smoker flatters himself that he has a good smoke. If he continues to smoke after the equator is passed (the equator of the cigar) he discovers that all is not tobacco that burns. Frossard's Cavour Cigars are fragrant and free down to the last draw. Original packets —eight for 1s 3d. "Light this end!"—ADVT.

An old North Island sport, now resident in Australia, commands me to look with eyes of favour on Taranaki's chance in the two Cups. The prod named has 7,9 at, Caulfield and 8.0 at Melbourne and is, to my mind, best suited in the mile and a-half race.

At the Kempton Park Meeting on the 29th ult. Sir F. Johnstone's filly Meli Melo (by Melanion—Irish Stew) carried off the the Two-Year-Old Plate of 600 sovs. The Duke of Hamilton's Ayer was second and Sir J. B. Maple's Royal Wink third.

There are half a dozen yearling colts by Sir Modred and two colts and one filly by Maxim entered for the Coney Island Jockey Club Realization Stakes, to be decided in the Spring of 1896. The added money to this sweepstake amounts to 10,000 dollars, and the contest is over a mile and five furlongs.

Here is the opinion of Mr Charles Reed, one of the leading breeders in the U.S.A., regarding the consequences of faulty shoeing :-- "No thoroughbred would ever break down were it not for horseshoers. There is not one in a hundred that has sense enough to shoe a horse. Bad shoeing is responsible for blind splints, and blind splints are responsible for many good horses going wrong."

Ceylon flannel shirts for 1s 3d at Fowlds' sale of Moore's salvage stock