

BILLIARDS.

Mr F. Weiss has been down in the goldfields district the last week, and although not expecting to find the best of tables up country, he was agreeably surprised, and found that all the tables he played on were just as well kept and as good as any in Auckland, in fact he showed tip-top form down amongst the mud and gold. At Waihi he played two men who were considered by the local men to be "pretty fair players." Anyway, the champion ventured to give the twain 700 points start in 1000 up. Remarkable as it may appear, the two players between them only scored 33 (thirty-three), but the champion was fairly on the job, and this may be inferred from the fact that he scored the 1000 in one hour and fifty-five minutes, so that little time was left for the two local players to score. In this game, after the man from Kangarooland had made breaks of 92, 60, 57, 201, and 70 (spot-barred), the audience asked to see a few spot shots, and the champion quickly ran up 135 (spot-in), and then finished the game spot barred, making breaks of 113 and 42 unfinished.

On Monday night at the Thames, Mr F. Weiss had a friendly match with Mr Dave Stewart, conceding the latter 700 in 1000, spot-in. Mr Stewart only succeeded in making 110 (\$10, including a start of 700). Mr Weiss wanted 349 to win this game, and these he knocked together in one break, and going on, ran the total of the break up to 387. In this game the champion got on the spot, and before he left the position, succeeded in potting the red 129 (one hundred and twenty-nine) consecutive times. Mr Weiss admits he has not been in such form for many a day.

Messrs Taylor and Noble of Christchurch have invented and patented a contrivance for holding on the tips of billiard cues. The arrangement is a very simple one, and consists of a split ferrule, which is fitted on to the point of the cue. The tip, which is rather thicker than those generally in use, is fitted into the point of the ferrule and held fast there by means of a clamp screw. The invention should prove a most useful adjunct to billiard-rooms. Its chief advantages are that the tips can be changed in a few seconds, whilst the annoyance of a tip flying off a favourite cue is avoided. It is well-known that cues, after being tipped a number of times, become worn and thin at the point, and will only take very small tips. The present contrivance allows the cue to remain always the same thickness, and also prevents the stick splitting at the end. The cues play extremely well the thickness of the tips allowing of the required elasticity so desirable in making a good stroke.

On Thursday evening last Mr F. Weiss had a friendly match with Mr Walker, which was played at the Northern Club, the latter receiving 700 points start in 1000 up, spot-barred. Mr Weiss won by 150. His largest breaks were 137 and 113, and three over 80.

On Saturday night, at the Metropolitan Hotel billiard-room, a friendly match was played between Mr James Cook a well-known local player, and Mr F. Weiss, the latter conceding 650 p.nts start in 1000 up (spot-barred). Mr Cook was in very fair form, but the champion did not seem to get going in the first part of the game; in fact Weiss only gained 10 points on his opponent in the first two hundred. Towards the finish he pulled himself together, but was unable to avert defeat. Mr Cook winning by 228 points, his largest breaks being 66, 34, 29, 19, and 18, while the champion put on 159, 110, 86, 68, and 52.

The annual billiard tournament in connection with the Auckland Tattersall's Club commenced on Monday evening at the rooms of the club. There were twenty nominations and twelve acceptors. The following are the handicaps:—F. Machattie, 60 points behind; W. Davis, 40 behind; T. Neil, scratch; J. F. Cruickshank scratch; W. J. Russell, 50 start; L. McDermott, 50 start; C. Godwin, 60 start; H. Hayr, 60 start; C. Philpott, 80 start; R. Blaikie, 80 start; R. Duder, 80 start; M. Moore, 155 start. The following is the result of a portion of the first round up to Tuesday night:—R. Blaikie beat J. F. Cruickshank by 128 points; C. Philpott beat W. J. Russell by 24; M. Moore beat L. McDermott by 86. The others to meet in the first round are H. Hayr meets C. Godwin, R. Duder meets W. Davis, and F. Machattie meets T. Neil.

SMILES.

A run of luck.—Winning a race.
Writing of Colonel North, the *Sporting Times* relates the following story of the late sportsman:—"The first time I was brought into contact with him was at a ploughing match at an agricultural meeting, and he presided at the dinner at night, and presented the prizes. He was elected president. 'Hello' said the Colonel, in his breezy way, 'This society is in debt. I cannot afford to be president of a society that is not solvent; here's a hundred to wipe off the debt and to be going on with.' Then the different winners came up for their prizes, and the exuberance of the Colonel, which could never be suppressed, broke forth. An old man's reward for having been a faithful servant in the same employment for forty years was a pair of corduroy trousers. 'How's the missus?' asked the Colonel as he handed over the trousers. The old man answered, 'Any kids?' he further interrogated. 'Ten living, sir, and three dead.' 'And you've brought that lot up on 13s a week?' 'Yes, sir,' was the reply. 'Give me the trousers back,' said the Colonel, and presently, handing them to the faithful servant again, he said, 'You will find a fiver in the right-hand pocket for the missus and a tanner in the left-hand pocket to give a sovereign each to the kids.' With the others he dealt in a similar manner.

Boy (on the stump, who has been patiently watching the strange angler for about an hour): "You ain't caught anything, ave yet?" Stranger: "No, not yet, my boy." Boy: "There wasn't no water in that pond till it rained last night."

OUR TREBLE COUPON.

THE following coupons were received up to Tuesday, the 21st inst., for the Caulfield Cup, Melbourne Cup, and New Zealand Cup treble:

CAULFIELD CUP, MELBOURNE CUP, N.Z. CUP.
 492 D.M.—Toreador—Valiant—Man-o'-War
 493 J.B.—Marusa—Toreador—Vandyke
 494 F.D. McV.—Lord Richmond—Newhaven—Euroclydon
 495 M.J.F.B.—Vanitas—Reka—Penrose
 496 H.Q.—Music—Hova—Voltigeur
 497 H.Q.—Waterfall—Preston—Euroclydon
 498 E.S.—Newhaven—Broken Hill—Bonnie Scotland
 499 E.S.—Tire—Principle—Anita
 500 E.S.—Trentside—Waihine—Lotion
 501 W.J.H.—Avshire—Toreador—Epaulet
 502 E.S.E.D.—Trentham—Newhaven—Fabulist
 503 J.A.K.—Warpaint—Preston—Quifitri
 504 J.O.D.—Jubilant—O'Trigger—Dauntless
 505 M.S.K.—True Blue—The Harvester—Penrose
 506 N.C. & Co.—Marusa—Miraculum—Euroclydon
 507 N.C. & Co.—Trentham—Toreador—Fabulist
 508 W.D.—Toreador—Trentham—Euroclydon
 509 W.D.—Cremorne—Disfigured—Euroclydon
 510 W.D.—O'Trigger—Lord Grenville—Euroclydon
 511 J.E.M.—Te Whiti—Wallace—Anita
 512 W.St.G.G.—Reka—Fabulist
 513 H.K.—True Blue—Wallace—Man-o'-War
 514 M.S.—Valiant—Elswick—Day Star
 515 E.J.L.—Preston—Newhaven—Bombshell
 516 E.J.L.—Newhaven—Preston—Bombshell
 517 H.B.—Preston—Warpaint—Lady Zetland
 518 E.J.O.—Aquarius—O'Trigger—Culverin
 519 E.K.—Fabulist—True Blue—Wallace
 520 J.P.—Valiant—Trentham—Culverin
 521 J.R.—Warpaint—Hova—Lady Zetland
 522 J.R.—Hova—Wallace—Euroclydon
 523 T.W.E.—Hova—Wallace—Euroclydon
 524 W.H.F.—Toreador—Bob Ray—Euroclydon
 525 J.L.—Hopscotch—Elswick—Defiance
 526 R.G.L.—Trentham—Trentham—Defiance
 527 H.McL.—Coil—Wallace—Euroclydon
 528 J.C.W.—Erehwon—Ruenalf—Man-o'-War
 529 J.C.W.—Hopscotch—Ruenalf—Voltigeur
 530 W.B.—Waterfall—Wallace—Euroclydon
 531 J.C.—Disfigured—Waterfall—Lady Zetland
 532 J.C.—Waterfall—Hopscotch—Bellicent
 533 W.H.V.B.—Elswick—Fort—Casket
 534 W.H.V.B.—Foxtail—Rackarock—Quifitri
 535 W.A.—Malula—True Blue—Crimson Streak
 536 F.J.F.—Trentham—Wallace—Lady Zetland
 537 S.M.—Hopscotch—Ruenalf—Voltigeur
 538 S.M.—Ronda—Devon—Bombshell
 539 S.G.S.—Hova—Wallace—Euroclydon
 540 J.A.H.—Tire—Trentham—Voltigeur (informal)
 541 J.A.H.—Tire—Toreador—Lady Zetland (informal)
 542 J.A.H.—Trentham—Tire—Lotion
 543 P.H.—Trentham—Tire—Lotion
 544 P.H.—Music—Trentham—Golden Plover
 545 E.A.J.—Preston—Loyalty—Lady Zetland
 546 E.A.J.—Music—Trentham—Lotion
 547 E.A.J.—Dreamland—Loyalty—Euroclydon
 548 E.A.J.—Homespun—Loyalty—Euroclydon
 549 H.K.—Newhaven—The Merry Boy—Anita
 550 H.K.—Toreador—Loyalty—Irish Twist
 551 H.K.—Bloodshot—The Harvester—Searchlight
 552 J.T.W.—Devon—Hopscotch—Dauntless
 553 J.T.W.—Toreador—Trentham—Bombshell
 554 W.E.C.—True Blue—Wallace—Lady Zetland (inf.)
 555 W.E.C.—Waterfall—Hova—Gipsy Grand
 556 J.E.A.—Tire—True Blue—Euroclydon
 557 J.E.A.—Toreador—Trentham—Fabulist
 558 W.M.R.—Reka—O'Trigger—Euroclydon
 559 W.M.R.—O'Trigger—Reka—Fabulist
 560 L.C.—Trentham—Wallace—Crimson Streak
 561 L.C.—True Blue—Coil—Fabulist
 562 C.L.—Valiant—Dreamland—Fabulist
 563 C.L.—The Chevalier—Hopscotch—The Possible
 564 M.B.McL.—Coil—Bloodshot—Epaulet
 565 J.McL.—The Chevalier—Trentham—Fabulist
 566 A.R.S.—Callum Mohr—Hopscotch—Chaos
 567 A.R.S.—Music—Destiny—Dauntless
 568 T.W.J.—Hova—Dreamland—Fabulist
 569 T.W.J.—Thunder Queen—Wallace—Dauntless (inf.)
 570 T.M.A.—Toreador—Mahee—Fabulist
 571 C.S.G.—Marusa—Newhaven—Anita
 572 J.K.M.—Mainstay—Delaware—Voltigeur
 573 H.P.—Malula—Auratus—Bombshell
 574 E.S.—Newhaven—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
 575 F.J.F.—Trentham—Wallace—Man-o'-War
 576 R.W.—Gaulus—Hopscotch—Fabulist
 577 R.W.—The Captain—Hopscotch—Fabulist
 578 R.W.—Trentham—Hopscotch—Fabulist
 579 R.W.—Gaulus—Trentham—Fabulist
 580 L.H.—Dreamland—Valiant—Mahaki
 581 L.H.—Vivian—Monard—Marquis of Zetland
 582 R.F.—Marusa—Coil—Fabulist
 583 R.F.—Pivot—Toreador—Bombshell
 584 H.G.—The Parisienne—O'Trigger—Omah
 585 A.C.—Marusa—Miraculum—Fabulist
 586 J.C.R.—Lord Richmond—Hova—Epaulet
 587 U.R.—Marusa—Reka—Fabulist
 588 C.R.—True Blue—Trentham—Fabulist
 589 C.R.—Destiny—Trentham—Euroclydon (informal)
 590 J.P.—Hortense—Loyalty—Lady Zetland
 591 J.P.—Ruenalf—Bob Ray—Black and Red
 592 A.J.C.—Cyndus—Tire—Dauntless
 593 A.J.C.—Callum Mohr—Strathspay—Epaulet
 594 J.M.—jun.—Music—Mahee—The Shrew
 595 K.A.M.—Music—Coil—Dauntless
 596 H.H.—Cremorne—Nada—Lady Zetland
 597 H.H.—Disfigured—Nada—Lady Zetland
 598 H.H.—True Blue—Nada—Lady Zetland
 599 C.W.—Disfigured—O'Trigger—Lady Zetland
 600 O.W.—Miraculum—Toreador—Fabulist
 601 W.St.G.G.—Bloodshot—Loyalty—Bombshell
 602 J.M.—Ruenalf—Loyalty—Bombshell
 603 J.M.—Trentham—Nada—Man-o'-War
 604 W.F.N.—Malula—Aquarius—Bellicent
 605 C.C.W.—O'Trigger—Toreador—Fabulist
 606 A.J.C.—Trentham—Lord Richmond—Epaulet
 607 A.J.C.—Pilatus—Trentham—Loiret
 608 A.J.C.—Waterfall—Hova—Euroclydon
 609 J.H.—Disfigured—Strathspay—Curassow
 610 A.J.—Valiant—Toreador—Lady Zetland
 611 J.J.M.—Rosella—Coil—The Shrew
 612 F.B.—Bloodshot—Delaware—Brooklet
 613 F.B.—The Chevalier—Mahee—Fabulist
 614 M.D.—Toreador—Trentham—Anita
 615 J.O.—Marusa—Music—Mahaki
 616 L.O.R.—Tire—The Harvester—Euroclydon
 617 Y.R.—Ruenalf—Marusa—Euroclydon
 618 H.B.—Waterfall—Hova—Bellicent
 619 W.McA.—Marusa—Wallace—Quifitri
 620 R.McM.—Marusa—Trentham—Lady Zetland
 621 R.McM.—True Blue—Broken Hill—Euroclydon
 622 J.M.—Hova—Wallace—Voltigeur
 623 W.J.C.—Coil—Cyndus—Curassow
 624 C.O.L.—Reka—Reka—Fabulist
 625 C.O.L.—The Parisienne—Toreador—Fabulist
 626 J.C.D.—Hopscotch—Newhaven—Lady Zetland
 627 J.C.D.—Hopscotch—Newhaven—Fabulist
 628 L.L.B.—Lord Richmond—Music—Ngatuaire
 629 E.S.—The Chevalier—Wallace—Irish Twist
 630 E.S.—True Blue—Hova—Brooklet
 631 C.C.—Music—Hopscotch—Fabulist
 632 L.L.B.—Vanitas—Wallace—Gipsy Grand
 633 H.L.P.T.—Hopscotch—Wallace—Fabulist
 634 C.H.—Marusa—Trentham—Chaos
 635 H.M.—Hova—Trentham—Defiance
 636 A.S.—Form—Cyndus—Maximus
 637 J.S.—Marusa—Miraculum—Maximus
 638 G.S.F.—Trentham—True Blue—Marquis of Zetland
 639 G.S.F.—Reka—O'Trigger—Marquis of Zetland
 640 T.W.R.—Cyndus—Reka—Fabulist
 641 H.S.McC.—Newhaven—Wallace—Day Star
 642 M.B.—The Captain—Wallace—Anita
 643 T.G.—Boston—The Chevalier—Bombshell
 644 T.Y.—Warpaint—Marusa—Anita
 645 G.W.L.—O'Trigger—Bob Ray—Dauntless
 646 G.W.L.—Tire—Trentham—Esa
 647 J.B.P.—Warpaint—Wallace—Waihau
 648 W.McA.—Marusa—Wallace—Fabulist
 649 J.W.C.—Bloodshot—Hopscotch—Esa
 650 G.H.—Fort—Wallace—Arnilla
 651 J.F.—Bloodshot—Nada—Euroclydon
 652 J.O.B.—Toreador—Trentham—Anita
 653 J.O.B.—Mahee—Coil—Defiance
 654 J.S.—Newhaven—Wallace—Perose
 655 T.P.—Resolute—Fort—Epaulet
 656 S.W.—Toreador—Trentham—Quifitri
 657 C.W.—Jubilant—Wallace—Captive
 658 C.W.—Reka—Hova—The Possible
 659 C.W.—The Chevalier—The Harvester—Epaulet
 660 C.W.—The Parisienne—Wallace—Penrose

OUR TREBLE COUPON.

661 C.W.—Devon—Hova—Fabulist
 662 J.R.—Toreador—Reka—Euroclydon
 663 V.A.M.—Marusa—Broken Hill—Irish Twist
 664 E.J.R.—Trentham—Trentham—Bellicent
 665 M.L.—The Parisienne—Hova—Searchlight
 666 S.C.—Marusa—The Chevalier—Curassow
 667 R.C.L.—Hova—Trentham—Fabulist
 668 W.S.—True Blue—Coil—Lotion

V.A.T.C. SPRING MEETING.

THE CAULFIELD CUP of 2500 sovs. One mile and a half.

	st lb	st lb
Hova	9 13	Te Whiti
Warpaint	9 7	Lilith
True Blue	9 2	The Sketch
Hopscotch	9 2	Rector
*Mahee	9 2	Pivot
Preston	9 2	Ronda
Waterfall	9 1	St. David
Disfigured	8 13	Tamino
Bloodshot	8 12	Right Honourable
Valiant	8 9	Thunder Queen
Cremorne	8 9	Resolute
Devon	8 8	Lightning
Miraculum	8 7	Cyndus
Mainstay	8 7	Duke Richmond
Disparity	8 6	Duhallow
The Merry Boy	8 5	Fifeshire
Ruenalf	8 5	Captain
The Chevallier	8 5	Aroha
Dreamland	8 5	Trentside
Kallatina	8 5	Strathspey
Vivian	8 5	Straightfire
Acton	8 4	Malula
Toreador	8 4	Biringi
Newman	8 4	Viking
The Skipper	8 4	Superb
Aquarius	8 3	Bloodwood
Marusa	8 3	My Lady
Music	8 3	Hortensius
Fort	8 3	Calum Mohr
Trentham	8 2	Boston
Ayrshire	8 2	Excel
Newhaven	8 2	Sortie
Destiny	8 1	Concussion
O'Trigger	8 0	Sir Elder
Coil	8 0	Wait-a-bit
Footail	7 13	Lord Brassey
Elswick	7 13	Fadaleen
Parisienne	7 13	Malta
Leonidas	7 12	Beau Bevys
Rackarock	7 12	Iauna
Form	7 11	Prince Carbine
Bradford	7 11	Levar
Carlton	7 10	Jubilant
Nada	7 10	Trentmoor
Pilatus	7 10	Koha
Homespun	7 10	Treadle
Snapshot	7 10	Shoddy
Culzean	7 10	Tellus
Mervyn	7 9	Pickles
The Officer	7 9	Red Indian
Erewhon	7 9	Red Indian
Vanitas	7 9	Monard
Canooona	7 9	Vigilance
Cravat	7 8	Lonely
Lord Grenville	7 8	Trent
Beau Brummell	7 8	Saddle-up
Zodiac	7 7	Lucullus
*Screech	7 7	Upshot
Reminder	7 7	Reka
Alpine	7 7	Alone
Gaulus	7 6	Rosella
Damien		