Sporting Topics.

Is Bend Or Uncle to Carbine !

"Delaware," of Sydney Truth, revives the story about Bend Or being out of Clemence, the grand dam of Carbine, and quotes the old groom's story. We trust that it has more truth in it than the story by "the stud groom," that Carbine was a son of Cap-a-pie. "Delaware" says—"The other day, whilst looking at a picture of Bend Or, I was struck with the resemblance between the '80 Derby winner and Carbine. The same Or, I was struck with the resemblance between the 30 Derby winner and Carbine. The same character of head and shape of neck, and that infernal white foot that is so familiar to Australians, with eyes, is there. I compared a photograph taken of Carbine in England with Bend Or's picture, and commend the curious to do likewise. If they do they are likely to give oredence wise. If they do they are likely to give credence to that almost forgotten story of the Duke of Westminster's sacked stud-groom, who averred, even on his death-bed, that Bend Or was not out of Rouge Rose but out of Clemence, the grand-dam of Carbine. The originator of the story, when under notice of dismissal, said Bend Or and Tadasster act mind an artist and Dend Or when under notice of dismissal, said Bend Or and Tadcaster got mixed up when sent to the training stable. Tadcaster was, he said, by Doncaster from Rouge Rose, and Bend Or was by Doncaster from Clemence. The man's statement is fortified to a certain extent by Sandiway (by Doncaster from Clemence) who was marked exactly like Bend Or, whilst the produce of Rouge Rose were useless for racing purposes. If the celts were mixed up. Bend Or would be a son the colts were mixed up, Bend Or would be a son of Carbine's granddam, which I firmly believe he was, because the camera doesn't lie any more than dying men do. As Rouge Rose's stock were use-less, it does seem strange that Bend Or was such a good racehorse and sire of the greatest wonder of all time—Ormonde. It seems strange some more than Carbine, who did not resemble Musket in the least, should also be a wonder, whilst Rouge Rose foals were only fit for cat's meat. No; there is no doubt the dying groom and his son were right. Bend Or and Tadcaster were son were right. Bend Or and Tadcaster were mixed up, and instead of Bend Or being compelled to own Rouge Rose's useless sons and daughters as his family he should be put properly before the world as uncle of the great Carbine. Anyhow, I think it would be worth any English breeders' while to put a mare from the Agnes family to Carbine in case the dead groom was in the right, and on the off chance of getting another Ormonde.

The V.R.C. Derby Candidates.

The Derby (writes "Terlinga" in the Austra-Lacian) promises to be an interesting race this year, and if I am not mistaken the season is going to be a good one for three-year-olds. I was to be a good one for three-year-olds. I was not at Mentone, but those who were speak very highly of Man of Honour, a very fine colt by Trenton from Maid of Honour. Mr Redfearn had no idea that he was forward enough to win his race, and the gelding went out totally unbacked. It was the same with Aquarius when he won his first race, and Marusa was shown up unprofitably when he split Cobbity and Dreamland in the Guineas. It is to be hoped Mr Redfearn will have better luck with Man of Honour, who looks like having a Derby chance. I was at St. Albans last week, and can assure admirers of Cydnus and Resolute that these fine Trenton colts are wintering well and thriving on their work. Cydmus has let down nicely, and now shows no signs of legginess. He stands just sixteen hands, has great length, a well-rounded middle-piece, and has nice power, besides being full of quality. It is quite evident from the way he handles that Cydnus is doing plenty of work, and the same may be said of that other fine colt, Resolute, by Trenton from Umilta. This colt is doing just as well as Cyndus. He is a heavier bodied horse, and at one time I fancy doubts were eutertained about his legs proving equal to supporting such a big frame, but he has fined down nicely, and does not seem out of the way heavy-topped. Both Cydnus and Resolute ran well in Sydney, but were still a good way behind Newhaven, and if Mr W. T. Jones's purchase stays it is hard to see how either is to beat him in the Derby. It must be remembered, however, that Cyndus and Resolute were not broken in until December. They should improve, and look to have done so, where-as Newhaven was furnished and set like a three-year-old in February. The early Trenton horses were soft and did not train on like the Musket horse's fillies, but this may have been due to Trenton being over-taxed when first put to the stud. At all events, Mr W. R. Wilson's Derby colts look very hardy, and as they always have at least one track at St. Albans fit to work on in any weather, Mr McDonald will be able to give his charges an uninterrupted preparation. Strath-spey by Strathmore, from Wallace's dam, Meloanother nice colt but he does n as workman-like as the other two. Nothing is known of his form, as no attempt was made to wind him up last season.

. A Visit to St. Albans Stud.

Wallace has thickened out and improved in a marvellous manner since last he raced (says "Terlinga" in the Australasian). Last season he was somewhat mean, but he has filled up into quite a fine horse, and when next he strips the public will notice a great change in their favourite. He is as strong as a castle, and promises to make a great weight for age horse. Wallace was given a few days' rest to let the foot injured in Sydney heal, but since then he has been working on, and I believe Mr Wilson thinks of sending him to Sydney in September. Trentham has nim to syuney in september. Trentham has been let up since racing in Adelaide, and is looking very well again. Havoc, Nada, Pilatus, and Bradford are all being given another trial, but Challenger has been blistered and turned out. Koran looks well. There are only two yearlings in the stable, but Mr Wislon has some good ones in the paddock, which will be taken in hand later on. The biggest of them all is a great strapping brown, by Trenton from Bonnie Rosette, but I think the Trenton colt from Elsie will compare with any of them. Then there is a brother to

Etra Weenie, and a brother to Auraria, so St. Albans should be strong in two year-olds when One of the nicest the autumn comes round. One of the nicest foals I saw was a colt by Robinson Crusoe from Happy Land, belonging to Mr W. E. Slade, who won Happy Land and her colt in the St. Albans lottery. The sixteen foals are a good even lot. As it happened to be a fine day Mr McDonald took me over the paddocks, and we saw nearly all the mares now in the stud. Mersey, everyone will be glad to hear, is unquestionably in foal to Trenton, so that she is likely to crove a barrain the autumn comes round. Trenton, so that she is likely to prove a bargain at the price Mr Wilson got her back for. Melodious, Mr McDonald is afraid, has missed. That there are some lovely mares at St. Albans goes without saying, but I fancy the queen of them all is Hova's dam, Happy Land.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant's (of Dunedin and Christchurch) National double list :-

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1	Kulnine, 12.9	10	5	10	10	10	10	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	4
,	D. M'Kin'on, 12.5	15	10	 25	10	10	15	8	5	5	8	10	8	8	5	5	4
.	Mutiny, 11.8	10	10	10	5	5	10	5	4	4	5	10	5	5	4	4	4
.	Kapua, 11.7	15	10	15	5	10	15	8	5	5	8	10	8	8	5	5	4
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	Mainstay, 9.0	7	5	7	8	Б	7	5	4	4	5	4	5	5	4	4	2
1	Regret, 9.0	4	4	5	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	8	3	3	3	3	1
	Tippler, 9.0	4	4	5	8	3	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	1
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N.B.—The above Table shows the price of												f 1	the	d	oul	ble	to

£500 in the square opposite both horses names. Example: 500 to 5 Kulnine and Mutiny, 5 being the number opposite the names of these two horses.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business :-

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

500 to 5 Cour de Lion 400 to 6 Day Star 400 to 10 Crim. Streak 200 to 6 Irish Twist 300 to 18 Searchlight 200 to 4 Lord Zetland 200 to 10 Anita 100 to 2 The Possible 200 to 10 Bellicent

MELBOURNE AND N.Z. CUP DOUBLE.

1000 to 7 Reka and Lady Zetland 1000 to 6 Toreador and Dauntless 500 to 4 Reka and Fabulist 500 to 4 Reka and Euroclydon 500 to 3 Reka and Man-o'-War

500 to 3 Toreador and Fabulist 500 to 2 Aquarius and Quiltiri

500 to 1 Loyalty and Bessie McCarthy 250 to 1 Reka and Lord Zetland

250 to 1 Marusa and Fabulist

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES. 500 to 20 Donald McKinnon and Donald Mc-

Kinnon 500 to 10 Hopeful and St. Kilda

500 to 10 Donald McKinnon and St. Kilda

500 to 8 Barnardo and Solitaire 500 to 7 Bombardier and Nat

500 to 5 Donald McKinnon and Fraternite

500 to 5 Mutiny and Fraternite 300 to 3 Hopeful and Rangipunehu

250 to 3 Bootles and The Plug

200 to 4 Mutiny and Donald McKinnon 200 to 4 Donald McKinnon and Kapua

Messrs McLeod and Cleland report business rather slack on events to come, punters having had more than they could do to spot the winners at the Wellington meeting. However, the follow-

ances for the C.J.C. GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLES AND HURDLES.

ing doubles have been supported since the accept.

100 to 5 Donald McKinnon and Donald Mc-

Kinnon 100 to 3 Donald McKinnon and St. Kilda 100 to 3 Donald McKinnon and Dummy

100 to 4 Liberator and Liberator 100 to 3 Liberator and St. Kilda

100 to 3 Liberator and Docility 100 to 3 Liberator and Zanzibar

100 to 3 Barnardo and St. Kilda

100 to 3 Barnardo and Docility

100 to 2 Barnardo and Zanzibar 100 to 1 Barnardo and Mainstay

100 to 2 Mutiny and St. Kilda

And a few others at 100 to 1.

The following are the principal doubles booked

CAULFIELD AND MELBOURNE CUPS.

1000 to 2 Marusa and Wallace 1000 to 2 Marusa and Marusa 500 to 1 Marusa and Hopscotch 500 to 1. Marusa and Miraculum

Marusa and Coil 500 to 1 Trentham and Newhaven

1000 to 1 Trentham and Wallace Trentham and Toreador 1000 to 2

Vanitae and Trentham

Vanitas and Newhaven 1000 to 1 1000 to 1

Vanitas and Ronda Vanitas and Delaware

1000 to 13 1000 to 11 Vanitas and Nada

500 to 1 Vanitas and Toreador 1000 to 11 Vanitas and Hopscotch

Vanitas and O'Trigger 500 to 1 Foxtail and Wallace 1000 to 1 1000 to 1 Foxtail and Nada

500 to 2½ Reka and Reka

1000 to 11 The Parisienne and Trentham 500 to 12 Trentside and Trentham 1000 to 1 Tire and The Merry Boy

1000 to 1 Duhallow and Ayrshire NEW ZEALAND CUP.

Prices unaltered since last week. Business

Mr A. Moss reports the following business over his "Innovation" double.

MELBOURNE & NEW ZEALAND CUPS.

300 to 1 Toresdor and Fabulist

300 to 1 Dreamland and Defiance

300 to 1 Wallace and Searchlight 300 to 1 True Blue and Euroclydon

300 to 1 Music and Lorelei 300 to 1 Delaware and Anita

300 to 1 Resolute and Saracen

300 to 1 Elswick and Lady Zetland 300 to 1 Miraculum and Penrose

NEW ZEALAND OUP.

100 to 2 Irish Twist 200 to 7 Anita 200 to 10 Lady Zetland 300 to 12 Saracen 300 to 5 Defiance 300 to 9 Voltigeur 100 to 6 Bellicent

300 to 3 Bon. Scotland 250 to 5 Marino 100 to 1 F. Impression

200 to 10 Culverin

THE C.J.C. GRAND NATIONALS.

250 to 5 Bootles and Ilex

100 to 2½ Timothy and Donald McKinnon 200 to 4 Levanter and Dummy 100 to 2 Barnardo and Chris

100 to 4 Donald McKinnon and Donald McKinnon

HUNTING.

CALENDAR.

PAKURANGA HUNT.

Saturday, August 1—Mount Albert Saturday, August 8—Penrose Saturday, August 15—Ihumata Saturday, August 22—Sylvia Park Saturday, August 29—St. John's College

WAIKATO HUNT.

Saturday, August 1—Fencourt Railway Station Wednesday, August 5—Hautapu Railway Station

RANGITIKEI HUNT. Saturday, August 1-Overton Gate

PAKURANGA HOUNDS.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., the destination of

the hounds was changed from Mangere to the estate of Mr W. McLaughlin, Papatoitoi. This change was made on account of the very wet weather which had preceded the meet. The club, fully appreciating the kindness of the farmers in placing their country at its disposal, avoids hunting over country which might be injured by a meet after a heavy rain. Mr McLaughlin, who is always a friend in need to the club, kindly placed his comparatively dry volcanic fields at its disposal. Arrived at the scene of operations, and after having partaken of the well-known hospitality of Mr and Mrs McLaughlin, a move was made to the field at the rear of the homestead. On reaching the clump of ti-tree bounding the creek, "the doubtful notes preludin' to a cry" apprised us that we might soon expect to see some sport. Suddenly out of the cover dashed the stag, the property of the club, which Mr McLaughlin allows to have the run of his farm. In full cry the pack raced at his heels, and the sight as he bounded down the slopes of the hill was an undeniably beautiful one. Moving leisurely at first, as if he hardly realised the inten-tions of his pursuers, he allowed the foremost hounds to get almost on terms with him; then, evidently realising that danger was behind him he suddenly increased his pace, and clearing the stone walls, in gallant style, took a line for the further mount. He soon showed that if in condition harriers could not live with him. After travelling a mile or more in a straight line, he changed his plans, and made a circuit in the direction of the homestead. When nearing this, hounds were at fault for a few minutes, and while feathering on the scent a hare jumped up under their noses. The stag was seen bounding away in the direction of where found. As, from want of condition, he appeared to be considerably dis-tressed, the Master decided to persevere with the hare, and permit the larger quarrey to escape.
All agreed, however, that the nobler animal had given us a very smart and enjoyable run. The rest of the day was spent in chase of the hare put up, but owing to the rocky nature of the country in which she ran, the sport was not of a first-rate character, and was ended without a kill. The pleasure of the latter part of the day was somewhat marred by an accident to Miss Dunnett, one of the most popular lady followers of the Pakuranga harriers. Through the clumsy fencing over a big stone wall of her recent purchase, she received a very ugly fall, and was considerably out and shaken. glad to hear, however, that Miss Dunnett is progressing as well as can be expected, and hopes to be in the saddle sgain in a few weeks' time.

We had some very fair hunting on Saturday last, two of the best runs of the season being

witnessed, but there was only one kill. The fences were very stiff, and required jumping. The veteran Huntsman, Mr Selby, distinguished himself by jumping Albion over a stockyard fence, some 5ft 6in high. Pressure on our space this week precludes the insertion of a more extended water that deal's enjoyable small and the d this week precludes the insertion of tended report of the day's enjoyable sport.

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WAIKATO HOUNDS.

On Wednesday, the 22nd inst., these hounds met at Pickering's corner, a good field turning out and a fine hunting day. Puss was soon found at home in Pickering's paddock, and randown to the gully through Brookland's, and, after a good run, was killed. Another hare was soon afoot, which ran through Douglas' to Norris's, and, whilst the pack were in full cry, a fresh hare immed up and was chopped before she could get jumped up and was chopped before she could get away. The hounds soon were again on the scent proper, but, after a good run, they eventually lost her. After a few minutes try, a stout hare was started, which ran through the Broadmeadows Estate and back to Norris's, and gave the field the best chase of the day, but the hounds failed to kill, and, it being late in the afternoon, a move was made for home.

On Friday, 24th inst., the meet was at Pukekina, the field not being large, but we had one of the best the field not being large, but we had one of the best day's sport of the season. A hare was soon found, near the township, and ran through Reynolds' and back to the township, through several small paddocks, down the road to the Waikato bridge, then doubled to the old flax-mill, and, after a good run, was killed. After a short spell, another hare was found, which ran through Reynolds' and Allen's, and in a circle over the same country again, a really good run, when she was country again, a really good run, when she was run down. Then a try was made at the Corner, and puss being at home soon set the pace, which was warm, with good jumping ran to Hicks' and back to Allen's, and, tiring the field, was killed, making the third kill for the day. It was a long hard day, as it was getting dark when the last kill took place. The order was home, everyone being pleased with the day's sport.

WAIKATO.

HAWKES BAY HOUNDS.

Last Wednesday a large crowd assembled at Petane to witness and partake in the run of the Hawke's Bay hounds, one of the most enjoyable runs ever participated in. I am sorry to say that Mrs Rhodes, who was riding that generally safe conveyance, Briar, had a hasty fall, and so had Miss Groome, who was mounted on Moe (a halfbrother to Gasparini), but happily neither ladies were seriously injured. At the conclusion of the sport, all were hospitably entertained by Mr and Mrs Kinross White, at their country cottage. Amongst those who took a prominent part in the meet were Mrs J. B. Rhodes on Briar, Mrs Suthermeet were Mrs J. B. Rhodes on Brisr, Mrs Sutherland on Harkaway, Miss M. Rhodes on Porangi, Miss Groome on Moe, Miss Watt on Tommy Dodd, Miss Nelson on Sunbeam, Miss Williams on Topthorne, Messrs G. T. Sutherland (Master) on Totorura, H. Jackson (huntsman) on Repo and Revenge, E. Amundson (whip) on Barbarossa, E. Johnston on Nimrod, G. Groome on Barlow, — Canning on Day Star, P. J. Neagle on Black Bess, M. Neagle on a chestnut. T. Groome on Light. M. Neagle on a chestnut, T. Groome on Lighthouse, — Leitch on Grandwing, and E. Groome on a good-looking and clever cob.

THE ROYAL COMIC OPERA CO-

Auckland theatre-goers will welcome the arrival here of the above famous Company, so well and favorably known throughout the Australasian Colonies, as one of the best companies that Messrs Williamson and Musgrove have started We have had so few good companies in Auckland during the last four months that we are not surprised to learn that the booking for seats has already beaten the record, and anyone wanting to see one of the latest of English theatrical novelties will have to be mighty quick in booking a seat. The first of the musical comedies that ... The Firm " will introduce to our notice will be "A Gaiety Girl," which has drawn immense audiences throughout New Zealand. The comedy is intensely finny and interspersed with sprightly music and catchy songs. We can only refer our readers to the large number of highclass artists taking part, to convince them that the production will be on a scale worthy of the reputation of the great firm. "A Gaiety Girl "will be produced, commencing on Monday night next at the Opera House.

Saturday next, August 1st, is the equine birthday.

An inquest was held on Monday at the Hospital concerning the death of F. Say, jockey, who met with an accident in December last, at Ellerslie racecourse, while schooling the pony Sepoy over hurdles. The evidence of Messrs. Donald Taylor, Harry Howe, and Dr. Baldwin was taken. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased died from the effects of paralysis, caused by fracture of the spine.

English sporting writers have been keeping an eye on the Duke of Westminster's colt, Regret (Sheen—Farewell) for some time, expecting him to do something good, but they now know his full strength, as Regret ran second to St. Frusquin in the Eclipse Stakes of 10,000 sovs, on Friday last. A picture of the winner, St. Frusquin, appears in this issue.