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# PASTIMES.

### FOOTBALL.

In consequence of the Auckland-Taranaki match being played yesterday (Wednesday), our football notes for this issue will be found on page 10.

#### CYCLING.

## STILL ANOTHER PATENT TYPE.

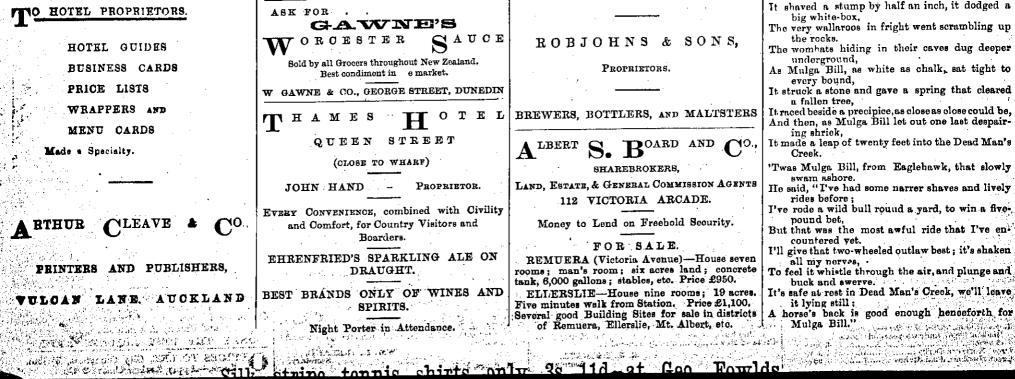
A new leather tyre has made its appearance in Brooklyn, America, and, judging from the test which took place, this non-puncturable tube is one of the best on the market. The test took place to satisfy a capitalist whom the inventor is trying to interest in the tyre. The asphalt of Elm Street was strewn with broken glass from sodawater bottles, placed with their jagged ends up, and a lot of 10oz tacks were placed on the ground, points up. A tandem fitted with a pair of the tyres that have been used steadily since last November was then run over the tacks and glass The riders weighed together nearly 350lb, and the machine was run over the obstacles a dozen or more times, each time the tyres picking up tacks. Finally, the front tyre became deflated, one of the tacks had evidently been driven through the leather by repeated poundings, as the wheel went round and round. About sixty tacks were pulled out of each tyre, but the rear tyre remained hard. All the tacks were pulled out, and the tandem returned to Brooklyn without having the tyre pumped up, the tape being put on to prevent it This is claimed as from creeping. another advantage for the tyre. They are made of sole leather, and have a rubber inner tube cemented to the leather shoe.

#### MULGA BILL'S BICYCLE.

By A. B. Paterson ("The Banjo") in the Sydney Mail.

Twas Mulga Bill, from Eaglehawk, that caught the cycling craze,

- He turned away the good old horse that served him many days He dressed himself in cycling clothes, resplen-
- dent to be seen, He hurried off to town and bought a shining
- new machine; And us he wheeled it through the door, with air
- of lordly pride, The grinning shop assistant said, "Excuse me, ran you ride?
- "See here, young man," said Mulga Bill, "from Walgett to the sea, From Conroy's Gap to Castlereagh, there's none can ride like like me.
- I'm good all round at everything, as everybody
- knows, Although I'm not the one to talk, I hate a man
- that blows But riding is my special gift, my chieftest, sole
- delight; Just ask a wild duck can it swim, a wild cat can it fight.
- There's nothing clothed in hair or hide, or built of flesh or steel.
- There's nothing walks or jumps, or runs, on axle, hoof, or wheel, But what I'll sit, while hide will hold, and girths
- and straps are tight. I'll ride this here two-wheeled concern right straight away at sight."
- 'Twas Mulga Bill, from Englehawk, that sought
- his own abode, That perched above the Dead Man's Creek, beside
- the mountain road. He turned the cycle down the hill, and mounted
- for the fray. But, ere he'd gone a dozen yards, it bolted clean
- nwav. It left the track, and through the trees, just like a silver streak, It whistled down the awful slope, towards the
- Dend Man's Creek. It shaved a stump by half an inch, it dodged a



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