

**JUNE TROT HANDICAP** of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.  
 178 Mr R. McBride's b g Duke C., scr., Chatteris 1  
 248 Mr W. J. Greenwood's ch g Lord Harold, 23sec, owner 2  
 30 Mr J. Winter's b g Sandfly, 20sec, owner 3  
 Other starters—6 Uric, 27sec, 37 Doone, 30sec.  
 Won by ten lengths. Time, 4min 19sec. Dividend, £1 5s.

**HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 35 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a half.  
 379 Mr T. Brain's blk g Little Raven, aged, 10.8, Hogan 1  
 153 Mr T. Greenwood's b g Fauntleroy, aged, 11.8, owner 2  
 57 Mr J. Wylie's b m The Dove, aged, 10.0, Lett 3  
 Other starters—177 Helena, 11.0; 50 Butterfly, 10.8; 106 Little Tom, 10.6; 64 Daisy Bell, 9.7; 51 Effie, 9.7.  
 Won by two lengths. Protests against Little Raven (for running inside a post) and Fauntleroy (for inconsistent running) were dismissed. Dividend, £1 4s.

**NAPIER TROT HANDICAP** of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.  
 41 Messrs. Henry and Walden's r g Horn-dern, 10sec, Sandall 1  
 76 Mr R. S. Henry's ch g Sailor Boy, 8sec, owner 2  
 4 Mr J. Gage's g m Fibre, 9sec, G. Clarke 3  
 Other starters—Carbine, 8sec; 2 Ingar, 10sec; 3 Sandfly, 12sec; 12 Lord Harold, 15sec; Cinderella, 15sec; 12 Little Agnes, 17sec; 9 Bendigo, 18sec; 82 The Judge, 20sec; 264 Miss Graham, 20sec.  
 Won by twenty lengths. Time 3min 5sec. Dividend, £2 17s.

**BENEVOLENT HANDICAP** of 25 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.  
 Mr J. Ramwell's b m Ranguru, 3yrs, 8.0, Gillespie 1  
 Mr G. Lovett's b m Lena, 6yrs, 9.2, Hogan 2  
 Mr P. V. Flexman's New Boy, 6.10, Quinton 3  
 Other starters—Norina 9.12, Sneak 9.6, Bit o' Fashion 9.0, Cupid 8.0, Vanity 7.2, Epaulet 7.0, Sweetheart 6.10, Eclipse 6.7, Maria 6.7, Mai-haihe 6.7.  
 Won by three parts of a length. Dividend, £1 2s.

**CANTERBURY NOTES.**

[BY OUR CANTERBURY CORRESPONDENT.]

A trotting match between J. W. Starr's General Tracy and W. J. Rae's Sam Slick for £200 aside took place at the Addington Show Ground on Thursday last, June 17th. About 500 were present. General Tracy was favourite. The horses got away well together. Sam Slick was first to take the lead, but after going a quarter of a mile he broke. General Tracy then drew level and passing the stand the first time was fully 80 yards ahead of Sam Slick. At the end of the first mile Sam broke again also early in third round, giving General Tracy, who was trotting very steadily, an advantage of over one hundred yards. The race was over. Tracy gradually increased his lead passing the winning post 150 yards in front of Slick. Time, half-mile, 1min 19sec; one mile, 2min 36sec; one and a half miles, 3min 54sec; two miles, 5min 10sec; two and a half miles, 6min 26sec; three miles 7min 40sec. Tracy, who was well handled by his owner, did not break once during the race.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury Trotting Club was held on June 15th. The chairman stated that after disbursing £4671 in stakes and other expenses, the Club was able to show a profit for the year of £200. As compared with the previous year, the amount paid for nominations had increased from £478 to £796, for acceptances from £392 to £504, totalisator receipts from £1198 to £2259, actual tote investments being £25,793 or nearly double those of previous year. £2331 had been given in stakes as against £1619 in the previous year. Facts like these speak volumes and give great confidence in future of sport. The Club unanimously decided to endorse the action of the stewards in disqualifying J. Loughlin and his horse Count. The sum of twenty guineas was voted to the Jubilee home for the poor.

**NOTES.**

Robert Lindsley, of St. Louis, a well-known driver of fast horses, says too many trainers try to get condition first and speed afterwards. He says the reverse of this should be practised. Get speed first, and, when you get that, then get condition. Condition is worth nothing without speed. He believes in sharp, short brushes, right along from the start. This jogging along at the same old gait does not develop anything but condition, and not good condition at that, as such condition cannot carry a fast gait far. This is the same system that was practised by Gov. Stanford on all the Electioneers. He says many breeders of horses that ought to have made almost phenomenal speed in their stock have been jogged to death. If they had been rushed short distances at the very top of their speed, they would have developed gaits that would have surprised people. As this is the beginning of the training season, it is well to consider these suggestions. Mr Lindsley says by no means carry the clip far enough to tire the horse. Let him feel like running away all the time, but on the trot or pace instead of the gallop. Of course, he says, shoeing is everything. The horse must be perfectly balanced, so as to go smooth and frictionless.

Clint Nanny, south-west of Hanford, lost, a few weeks ago, one of the largest, if not the largest, young horse (a four-year-old gelding) in the United States. He died from barbed wire cuts. He was measured after he was dead and his height was just one-half inch less than 19 hands. The tallest horse west of the Mississippi river has heretofore been one whose height was 18½ hands, owned by a party at Plymouth, Neb.



MR MARTIN TAYLOR AT HOME.

For racing in single-harness contests, Gentry and Robert J. have specially-fitted bikes weighing 27lb each, and they have one old-style high-wheel sulky which takes one back to the campaigns prior to 1892. It weighs 38lbs, and will be used when Gentry and Robert J. take a shy at Johnston's mark of 2.06½, next summer.—Breeder and Horseman.

News from Chicago is to the effect that the fast pacing stallion, Joe Patchen, 2.3, brought 15,000dols. at the Splan and Newgrass sale on May 4, and was bought by C. W. Marks of Chicago. Another message states that he was bought by James A. Murphy, the owner of Star Pointer. Some Americans think Joe Patchen has as much pace as John R. Gentry, Robert J., or any of the free-for-all brigade, and that he has as good a chance of reaching the 2min record as any of the other Yankee fliers.

The fact that the much-talked-of Tewksbury stable is to be seen for the first time in public at Charter Oak Park on Independence Day promises (states the Spirit of the Times) to attract a record-breaking crowd to the old Hartford course for the Fourth of July meeting. So much has been published about John R. Gentry and Robert J., and the magnificent style in which they are being equipped for the campaign, that everybody is waiting for the time to arrive when the outfit will be on view. Hundreds of strangers have visited Fleetwood Park to see the costly campaigning paraphernalia of the pacing kings. When the entire outfit is unloaded in Hartford from the private palace car in which the horses are to travel, and is placed on view in the tents

at Charter Oak Park, thousands will pass through the gates to see and admire the display. A. J. Welch expects that the Independence Day attendance will not fall short of 25,000. Prospects point to a great race between the pacing cracks. Gentry and Robert J. are in splendid form at Fleetwood Park, and encouraging reports come from Baltimore and New Haven concerning the condition of Star Pointer and Frank Agan.

Here is a little calculation as to relative positions in a race calculated by the records:—If the five pacing kings were to start in a race at a mile, with each horse in condition to equal his best public record, where would they be at the finish? When John R. Gentry reached the wire in 2.00½, Robert J., 2.01½, would be a little more than 44ft behind him; Star Pointer, 2.02½, would be about 87ft up the stretch; Joe Patchen, 2.03, would be 107ft to the rear, and Frank Agan would be a trifle less than 140ft from the wire when Gentry crossed the finish line. In other words, Gentry would beat Robert J. by about four lengths, Star Pointer about nine lengths, Joe Patchen about eleven lengths, and Frank Agan about fourteen lengths. The king of harness horses moved 43.81 feet per second when he paced the world's record at 2.00½. If Trainer E. R. Bowne can drive him just about three inches further each second Gentry will make a record of 2min. The two-minute horse must cover 44ft per second. If Gentry should be able to pace a foot per second faster than he paced last year, he would set the world's record at 1.57½. Thus a slight lengthening or quickening of his stride is all that is needed to enable him to do the trick. In order

to cover a mile in 2min, Robert J. must move a little more than six inches per second faster than than he has been able to do; Star Pointer almost a foot per second, Joe Patchen a little more than a foot per second, and Frank Agan about sixteen inches per second. This system is not infallible, however, as it must be borne in mind that John R. Gentry's record was not made in a race.—American Breeder and Sportsman.

There are numerous cures for galls, cracked heels, etc., but the best one I have ever tried, says an experienced trainer, is:—“Take one ounce of pulverised alum, half-ounce tannin, one drachm carbolic acid and one quart soft water, mix, and dampen the heels every night and morning.” It is also a splendid remedy for hopple galls, as it heals and toughens.

Globe, the celebrated trotting horse, owned by A. Fenneman, died at Baltimore early in May. This horse holds a world's record. He was fourteen years old. He had a single mark of 2.14½, double mark 2.12, and Ed. Geers drove him, Belle Hamlin, and Justina to the present world's record three abreast, of 2.14, at Cleveland, July, 1891.

Nearly a thousand horses have died near Hutchinson, Kansas, this winter from blind staggers, or something much resembling that disease. The animals droop, refuse to eat, and seem to have no idea of distance. They will throw their heads against the stalls, and in getting their mouths into their feed boxes, will strike their teeth violently against the bottom of the box. A post mortem examination shows that the brain has turned to a mass of corruption. Very few recover under treatment. Impure food is supposed to be the cause of the trouble.—The Breeder.



PETER SMITH, A LEADING AUCKLAND CASH CYCLIST,

Photo. by H. Whitnall-Smith

Queen Street, Auckland



**THE HAWKE'S BAY HOUNDS.**

The Hawke's Bay hunters held one of their popular bi-weekly meets at Springhill on Saturday last. Notwithstanding the very uninviting appearance of the weather quite a fair field assembled. Before making a start Mr Rhodes entertained all at lunch. At 1.30 o'clock the hounds were trotted out under the charge of Mr Jackson. By the way of warming things up, for indeed the weather was very cold and wet, Mr Rhodes laid a short drag of about three miles to a place where better sport could be expected. There was scarcely time to check when "puss" got up just in front of the field and took all away at a great pace for higher country, but taking a turn she circled for the big flat in front of the house. Here it was necessary to make some decent fencing, including a formidable wire. Again she turned and retraced her steps and then made straight for the low flats. Here the chase became exciting, as "puss" with only a chain to spare was bobbing dead beat, and a kill seemed certain, but a swollen creek brought hounds and horse-men to check and the huntsman had no alternative but to whip off the pack, much to the chagrin of several members of the hunt. Among those following were Mr H. H. Jackson (huntsman) on Revenge, Mr E. Amundsen (whip) on Frisco, Messrs J. B. Rhodes on Sultan, J. Williams on a bay, T. Ireland on a half brother to Ben B., L. McGreevy on Westmere, F. Newton on a brown, M. Hallay on Tambourine, Master Athol Rhodes on Porangi, Mrs Rhodes on The Phantom, Miss Miller on Barlow.

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Geo. Fowlds' straw hats are cool stylish, and cheap.