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NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

FIRST DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH, 1898.

First Race to Start at 1 o'Clock.

Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase value 50 sovs at time of entry. Entrance 1 sov, and 1 sov each at the post. About two miles and a half.

Winter Welter Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. One mile.

Grand National Handicap Hurdle Race of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, and acceptance 2 sovs each, with a final payment of 4 sovs at the post, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Selling Steeplechase of 100 sovs. Entrance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Four-year-olds to carry 11st 7lb; five-year-olds, 12st; six years and aged, 12st 3lb. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for 100 sovs. If entered to be sold for 50 sovs, allowed 7lb; if for 40 sovs, 14lb; if for 20 sovs, 21lb; if for nil, to carry 9st 7lb. No other allowance. About three miles.

Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 40 sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

SECOND DAY,

MONDAY, JUNE 6TH, 1898.

First Race to Start at 1 o'Clock.

Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 40 sovs at time of starting. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap of 600 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, and acceptance 3 sovs each, with a final payment of 5 sovs at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any steeplechase of the value of 150 sovs, after declaration of weights, to carry 5lb penalty. About three miles and a half.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Tally-Ho Handicap Steeplechase of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. About two miles and a half.

Second Winter Welter Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. Seven furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.,

NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING, 1898. With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary, A.R.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1898, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.

Grand National Handicap Hurdles ... 2 sovs
Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap ... 2 sovs

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1898, (General Entry Night), by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Grand National Handicap Hurdles ... 2 sovs
Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap ... 3 sovs

NOMINATIONS.

Maiden Hcp Steeplechase 1 sov
Winter Welter Hcp ... 1 sov
Selling Steeplechase 2 sovs
Maiden Hcp Hurdles 1 sov
Pony Hcp Hurdles ... 1 sov
Maiden Hcp Hurdles 1 sov

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Maiden Hcp Hurdles 1 sov
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1898, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Maiden Hcp Steeplechase 2 sovs
Winter Welter Hcp 2 sovs
Pony Hcp Hurdles ... 1 sov

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1898, at the post.

Grand National Hurdle Race ... 4 sovs

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1898, by 12 noon at Racecourse.

ACCEPTANCES.

Maiden Hcp Hurdles 1 sov
Pony Hcp Hurdles ... 2 sovs
Handicap Hurdles ... 3 sovs
Handicap ... 2 sovs

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1898, at the post.

Great Northern Steeplechase ... 5 sovs

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1898.

Grand National Hurdles ... Great Northern Steeplechase

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1898.

Maiden Steeplechase Hcp ... Handicap Maiden Hurdles
Winter Welter Handicap ... Pony Hurdles Handicap

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1898, Morning Herald.

Handicap Hurdles ... Pony Handicap Hurdles
Second Maiden Hurdles ... Tally-Ho Steeplechase
Second Winter Welter ...

WM. PERCIVAL,
Secretary, A.R.C.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB

WINTER (STEEPLECHASE) MEETING.

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,

JULY 14 AND 16.

Judge: Mr G. H. Scales. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett. Starter: Mr H. Piper. Treasurer: Mr G. H. Harbroe. Clerk of Scales: Mr J. Wilkins. Stewards: Messrs W. E. Bidwill, J. J. Curtis, J. B. Harcourt, Geo. Hutchison, E. J. Riddiford, J. Saunders, and the Hon. C. J. Johnston.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

Maiden Steeplechase of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. For horses that have never won a handicap steeplechase exceeding 25 sovs in value at time of entry, hack and hunter steeplechases excepted. Weights—4yrs, 11st 6lb; 5yrs, 12st; 6yrs and aged, 12st 3lb. Entrance, 2 sovs. About two miles.

Stewards' Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

Maiden Hack Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won a race of any description at the time of nomination. Weights—Two-year-olds, 9st; three-year-olds, 10st; four-year-olds and upwards, 10st 5lb. No allowances. Entrance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

Winter Hurdle Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Two miles.

Parliamentary Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and a furlong.

Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For qualified hacks and hunters. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About two miles and a quarter.

First Hack Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a furlong.

SECOND DAY.

Hutt Flying Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

Second Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For qualified hacks and hunters. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About two miles.

Wellington Steeplechase Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 5 sovs. About three miles.

Ladies' Bracelet Handicap of 50 sovs; a bracelet of the value of 40 sovs for the first horse, and a bracelet of the value of 10 sovs for the second horse. Gentlemen riders. Minimum weight in handicap, 11st. The horses to be nominated by ladies. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Two miles on the flat.

Winter Oats Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winners of any previous race the same day to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile.

Final Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and a half.

Final Hack Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events, except the Maiden Steeplechase and Maiden Hack Race, FRIDAY, June 17th.

WEIGHTS declared for the first day's handicaps, also for the Wellington Steeplechase Handicap, MONDAY, June 27th.

ACCEPTANCES for all the first day's handicaps and Wellington Steeplechase Handicap; also, ENTRIES for the Maiden Steeplechase and Maiden Hack Race, FRIDAY, July 8th.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All Entries, Nominations, Acceptances, etc., close at 9 p.m. (unless stated to the contrary) at the Club Hotel, Wellington.

Five per cent will be deducted from the gross amount of all stakes.

Definition of a Hack.—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race at any time, hack and hunter races excepted, and is not or has not been nominated in any race, other than hack or hunter races at the same meeting.

Definition of a Hunter.—Qualified hunters are horses that have been regularly hunted with a recognised pack of hounds during the season of 1897 or 1898, and the Master's certificate of qualification must be produced at the scales.

H. M. LYON,
Secretary.

Club Hotel, Wellington.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB

FUTURE EVENTS.

SUMMER MEETING, 1900.

THE WELLESLEY STAKES of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds (present foals)—Colts 9st 7lb; geldings 8st 4lb; fillies, 8st 2lb. By subscription of 6 sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, viz.: 1 sov if struck out before the first Monday in July, 1899, or 3 sovs if struck out before the first Monday in December, 1899. All horses remaining in after the latter date must pay the subscription of 6 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. Four furlongs.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY, JUNE 27TH, 1898

N.B.—No money is required at time of entry.

SUMMER MEETING, 1900.

THE WELLINGTON STAKES of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third 10 sovs from the stake. For two and three-year-olds (present foals and yearlings). Two-year-olds, 7st; three-year-olds, 8st 7lb; fillies and geldings allowed 3lb. Winners after August 1st, 1899, of any race or races collectively of the value of 200 sovs, 5lb extra; 300 sovs, 7lb extra; 400 sovs, 10lb extra; 500 sovs 12lb extra. Maiden two-year-olds allowed 4lb; three-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 6 sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, viz.: 1 sov if struck out before the first Monday in July, 1899, or 3 sovs if struck out on the first Monday in December, 1899. All horses remaining in after the latter date must pay the subscription of 6 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. Five furlongs.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY, JUNE 27TH, 1898.

N.B.—No money is required at time of entry.

H. M. LYON,
Secretary.

Club Hotel, Wellington.



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Hack means a horse that has never won a race and is not nominated at time of start for any race, hack and hunter races excepted.

NOMINATION (1 sov) to close on SATURDAY, 25th May, 1898.

FIRST ACCEPTANCE (1 sov) to close on SATURDAY, 31st December, 1898.

FINAL PAYMENT (1 sov) to be made on SATURDAY, 8th December, 1899.

ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE,
Hon. Secretary.

New Plymouth, March, 1898.

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PROGRAMME FOR SEASON 1898.

JUDGE: Mr F. W. COOMBE. SHIPPER TO BE APPOINTED BY NOMINATORS.

MAY MEETING,

SATURDAY, MAY 28, AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1.

Great Northern Challenge Stakes. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £3 each. Payments as under—FRIDAY, March 25th, 1898, 10s each (closed 32 subs.); FRIDAY, April 23, 1898, 10s each; and FINAL PAYMENT of 40s each, with the names, ages, and pedigrees of dogs, on THURSDAY, May 28, 1898.

Puppy Stakes. For an unlimited number of puppies at £1 10s each. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, May 20th, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, 20s, on THURSDAY, May 26th, by 8 p.m.

JUNE MEETING,

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, AND SATURDAY, JULY 2.

New Lynn Maiden Stakes. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at 30s each. Open to all dogs that have not won any advertised money. Nomination 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, June 24th, at 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, £1, on MONDAY, June 27th, by 8 p.m.

Avondale Cup. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £2 10s each. Nomination, £1 (10s to expenses), on FRIDAY, June 24th, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, £1 10s, on MONDAY, June 27th, by 8 p.m.

JULY MEETING,

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 27 AND 30.

Bracelet Stakes. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs, at 30s each, that have not won over £3 of advertised money in one stake. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, July 22nd, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, 20s, on MONDAY, July 25th, by 8 p.m.

Also, Stake to be arranged.

AUGUST MEETING,

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 AND 27.

Champion Collar Stakes. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £3 each. Nomination, £1 (10s to expenses), on FRIDAY, August 19th, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, £2, on MONDAY, August 22nd, by 8 p.m.

Recovery Stakes. For an unlimited number of dogs, at 30s each, that have never won more than £2. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, August 19th, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, 20s, on MONDAY, August 22nd, by 8 p.m.

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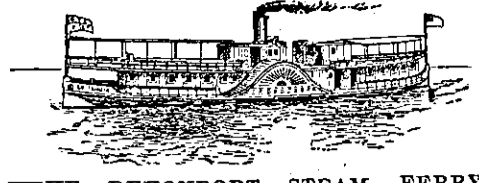
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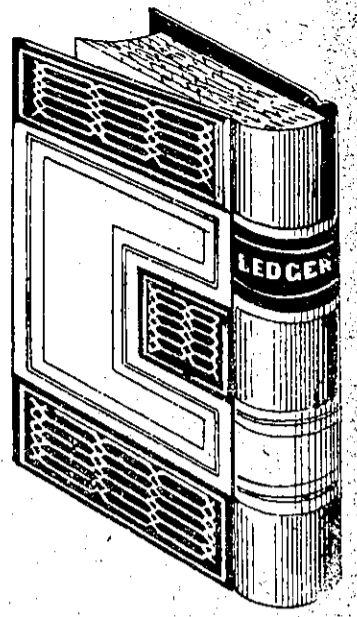
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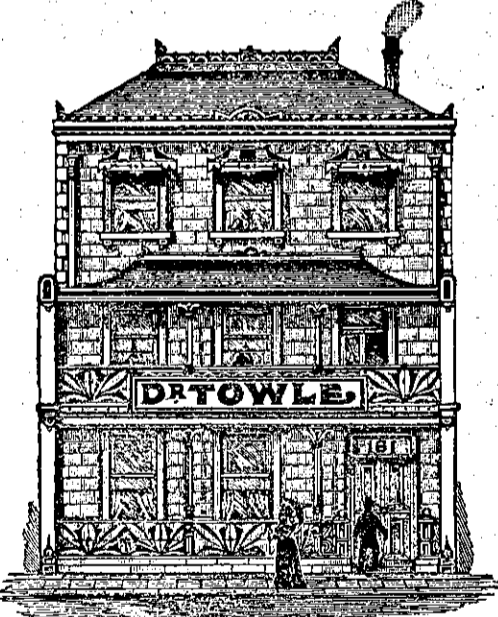
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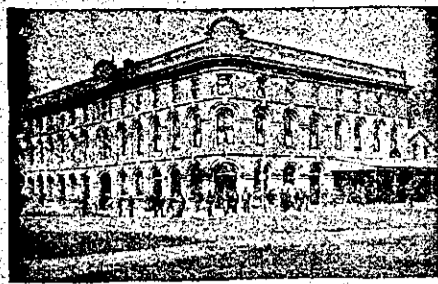
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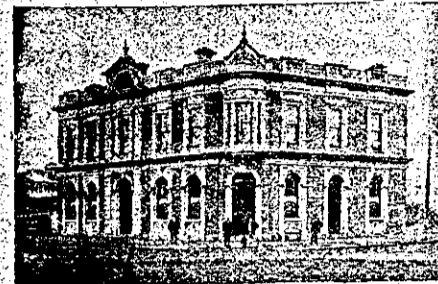
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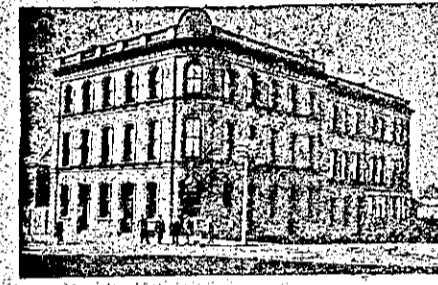
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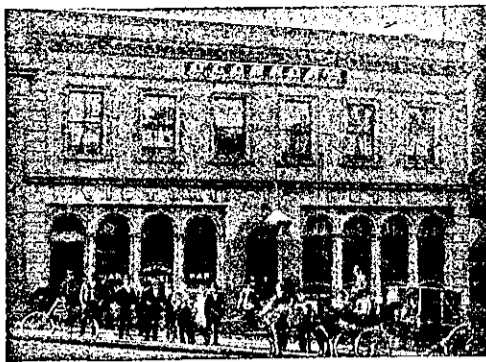
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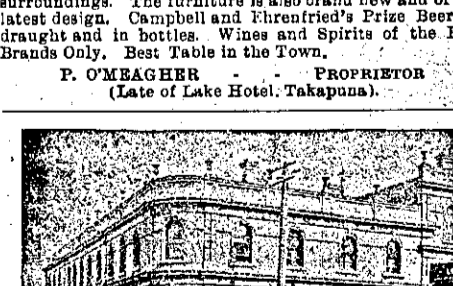
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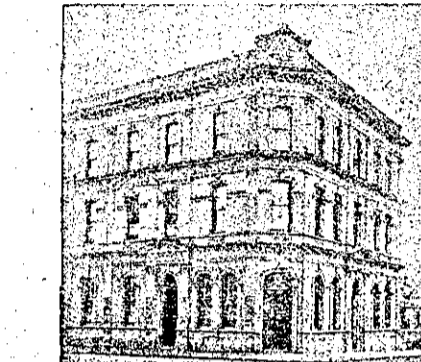
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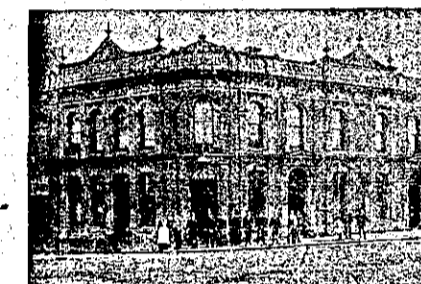
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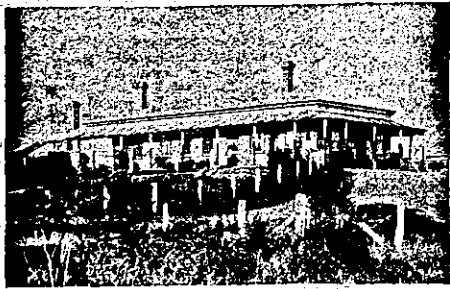
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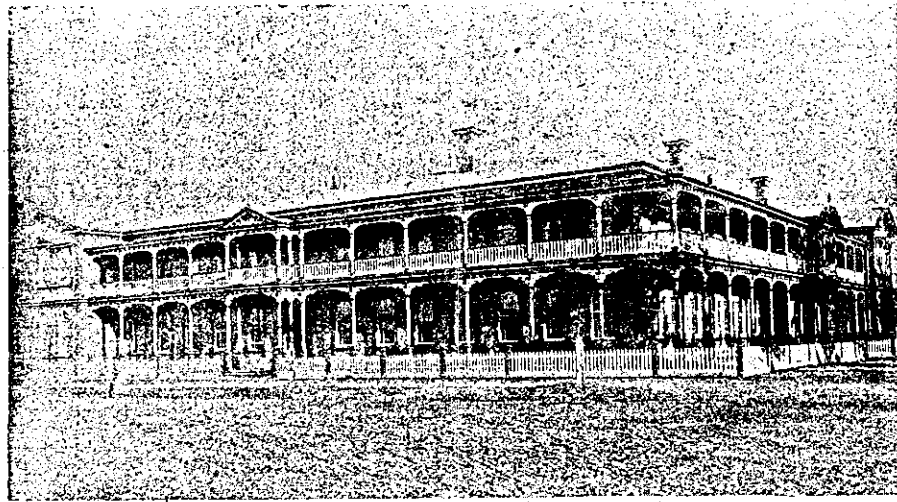
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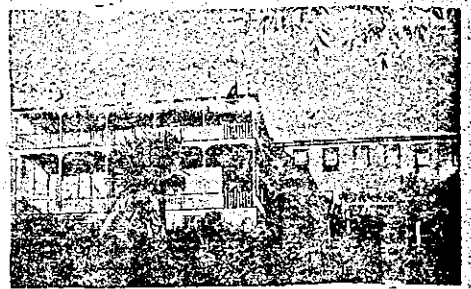
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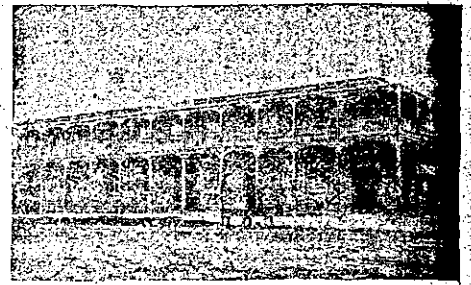


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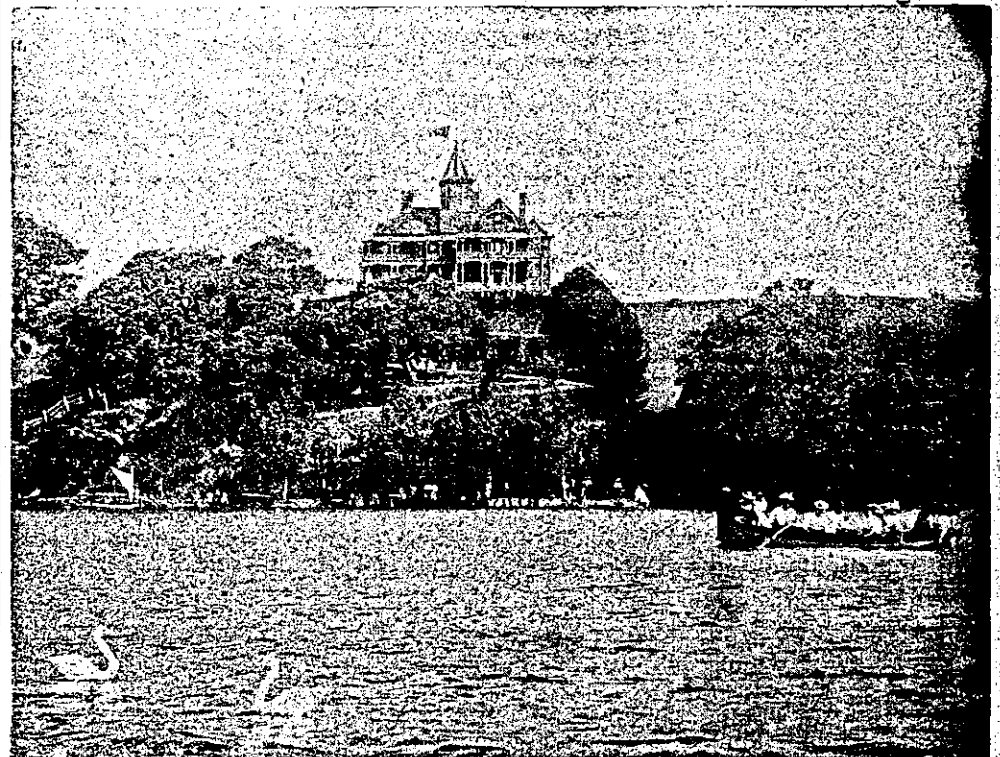


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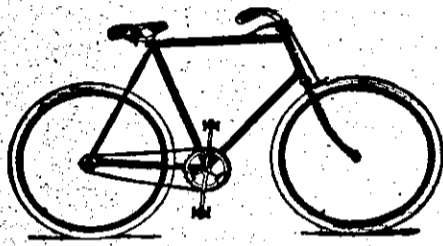
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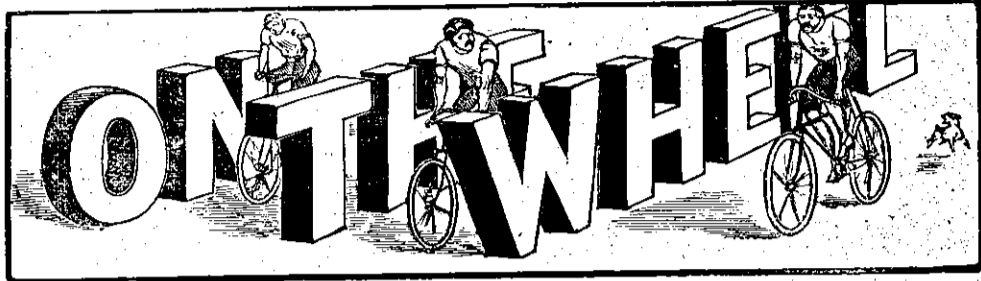
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under this League, or for or by a person under suspension.

Tom Clarkson, the well-known Christchurch
cyclist, was married to Miss M. A. Reynolds, of
Auckland, on Monday. Congratulations and
best wishes.

Tom Clarkson took a farewell of his bachelor
friends on Friday night last, when he was
tendered a farewell smoke concert by the Auck-
land Cycling Club. There was a capital at-
tendance and a most enjoyable evening was
spent.

The new cycling track at the Auckland Ex-
hibition is to have a concrete surface, and will
at the ends. Teddy Reynolds, who has
a model of the track, is of the opinion
that if constructed as suggested he could cover a
mile in 2 minutes on it.

The sports committee of the Auckland Ex-
hibition intends endowing the cycle events to be
arranged for with a liberal hand, the idea being
that they may attract Australian cracks. I hope
they will be successful in so doing, but fear that
there will be too many plums to ride for in Aus-
tralia at the time.

On April 2nd C. B. Lawes lowered C. B.
Parlby's English amateur flying start quar-
ter-mile record from 26 1-5sec to 25 3-5sec.

His Honour Judge Emden, an English judge,
has become a cyclist. There is nothing startling
in this announcement, but when we hear that he
has become a cyclist in order to fit him for his
duties as a judge, it is something new to chronicle.
Finding that actions arising from cycle collisions
and accidents had become so numerous his
Honour set about learning to ride, with the result,
as he himself says, that the experience he has
gained has proved most useful to him in adjudi-
cating upon cases which come before him.

William Martin lost no time after his return
to America in getting to work on the cycle track.
Within twenty-four hours of setting foot on
Yankee soil, he challenged anybody to a contest,
and was promptly taken on by Bob Terrill, of
the Bay City Wheelmen, who was about the best
man available. Terrill was just as anxious as
Martin to make the match, and preliminaries
were quickly settled. The race is to be over five
miles, the riders starting from opposite sides of
the track and racing unpaced. It is a new kind
of competition for Terrill, while it suits Martin
splendidly. Terrill's clubmates, however, are
confident of his ability to defeat the returned
wanderer.

An inventor who appreciates the dangers of
following modern pacing machines at a high rate
of speed, a danger which is constant, and which
affects the nerve of many a paced rider, has
brought out an invention in the shape of a safety
buffer for pacing machines, which he claims will
do away with this danger. The contrivance is
decidedly unique, and looks quite practical. The
idea consists in placing a wheel at the end of a
continuation of the top tube of the frame of the
pacing machine. This wheel is horizontally
placed, and is about 12in. in diameter, and fixed
at such a height that it comes into contact with
with the head of the following machine. It may
be set to permit the wheels of the paced and
pacing machines to approach within an inch or
each other, and without the least danger. The
safety wheel comes in contact with the head-tube
of the single rider's machine, and prevents his
front tire touching the rear tire of the pacing
machine, the contact which causes such disastrous
"spills." It is said this contrivance has been
tried on the road, and collisions deliberately made.
The effect was that, if the guard-wheel was
struck fair in the centre, there was a slight jerk
to both machines, and nothing further; and if
the guard-wheel was struck to either side the
following rider was simply caused to swerve just
sufficiently to pass alongside. In either case
there was absolutely no damage nor was the
swerving sufficient to have been dangerous had
they been riding amongst a crowd of contestants
fairly close together on the track.



[By CYCLOS.]

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in, nor assisted in, nor taught any swimming, athletic, or
cycling exercise for money or other remuneration. B.

Try Geo. Fowlds for tweed and macintosh coats.

Mr Sayers (the secretary), and Mr Tolhurst (the Wellington Consul of the Cyclists' Touring Club), waited on the Government recently and arranged that those who are members of other touring clubs affiliated to the New Zealand one on entering any New Zealand port with a bicycle will have the machine passed by the Customs authorities without payment of duty or other formality on the production of a certificate from the secretary of the New Zealand Cycling Touring Club.

The Thames Cycling Club's inaugural meeting held on Queen's Birthday (Tuesday) will be touched on in next week's issue.

As has been before pointed out, professional racing, as carried on by the "cash" cycling clubs, takes for a time (says "Velox.") The trouble amongst the riders, after they have been attracted from the amateur ranks by the allurements of golden sovereigns, is that they find only a few can win them, and the great majority after all are worse off, on the score of expense of keep, in machines, etc., than before they joined the professional ranks—amateur status gone and much money and time expended in following the game of a "cash" cyclist. I have referred how in Australia, after a time, the "cash" business gradually ceased to form an attraction for the public. The professional body in Sydney seems to be in a bad way. The *Town and Country Journal* of April 30th says:—"The League of New South Wales Wheelmen, which boasted a credit balance of £1,500 at the beginning of the past racing season, but which is now bankrupt, is to continue its existence. This decision was arrived at at a conference of old members and well-wishers of the body on Monday night under the presidency of Dr. Muskett. Those present pledged themselves to do all in their power to further the interests of the League, and it was resolved to draw up a scheme to be submitted at the annual general meeting of members."

The following excellent advice tendered to cyclists by a writer in *St. James's Budget*, will be approved and appreciated by those who know most about the subject:—"Those who are invested in new bicycles for 1898 will do well not to be influenced by the prevalent craze for high gears in determining what shall be the gearing of their new machines. It is a great mistake for the average rider to imagine that a high gear will enable him to travel faster. For ordinary riding there is no doubt that a moderate gear produces the best results when all the circumstances of riding, such as wind, weather and bad roads, are taken into consideration. Seventy-inch gear is an extreme limit for the road, and this will be found too high unless the rider is in good physical condition, uses a light bicycle and fairly long cranks, and does not encumber himself with luggage or any weighty impediments. The majority will be better suited with a gearing of from sixty inch to 65 inch; while for ladies' machines, the cranks of which are usually half an inch shorter, the gearing should not exceed sixty inches, except in special circumstances, many ladies, indeed, being better suited with gears of fifty-six inches and fifty-eight inches."



[BY VIGILANT.]

It has been suggested that the sports committee of the Auckland Industrial Exhibition should make an effort to get Roseingrave, the noted hurdler, across from Sydney during the Exhibition, in order that he and George Smith, the Auckland crack, might measure strides over the sticks. It would be a great draw.

In the centre of the new bicycle track at the Metropolitan Ground, during Exhibition time, there will be laid three straightaway cinder tracks and one oval track for pedestrians, the first three being about 130yds, and the last mentioned about six laps to the mile.

W. T. McPherson, the well-known ex-amateur of Australasia and a vice-president of the New South Wales A.A.A., was married to a Miss Carter in Sydney recently. McPherson shares the world's record for 100yds in 9 4-5sec.

G. Jordan's record for 200yds in 19 4-5sec at Worcester College Sports, Oxford, on March 16, has been passed.

This from *The Pink 'Un* is rather rough on Peter Jackson:—"Without wishing for an instant to detract from the glory of the victor, Peter Jackson ought never to have been licked in three rounds by a boxer of Jeffries' class. It is London life that beats all those blacks; it's too rich for their blood. They come from a country where white men refuse to sit or eat or travel with them, and once here, are taken on and even made much of by sporting gentlemen; then they lose their heads. Anybody who has seen poor Peter in lavender pants, primrose gloves, and blue neckties knocking about the music halls and the bars of the Strand must have concluded that he was only putting off the ignominious end. We shall always remember him for his exhibition against Smith at the Pelican Club.

A. L. Baird, who sailed for England a week or so ago, has been asked by the president of the N.S.W.A.A. to get all the information possible about the Olympian Game in Paris during 1900, and to consult the officials of the English A.A.A. about the proposed Australian team for England.

The pedestrian section of the Wanganui Amateur and Athletic Club, which body recently joined the League of Wheelmen, have seceded and formed a new club under the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Association.

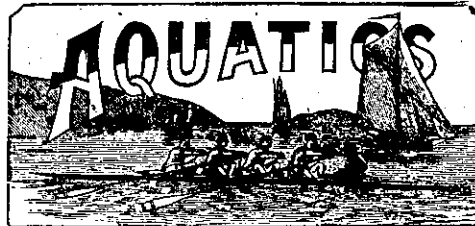
A Melbourne exchange states that G. J. Johnson, a prominent member of the Manchester Harriers, England, who is at present on a tour of the world, turned out with East Melbourne on April 23rd. He wore the uniform of his own

club, and ran as well as any of the Melburnians, though he had only landed forty-eight hours before, and had taken no exercise for a long time previously. He has the "high-step" action. It is probable Johnson will make Melbourne his headquarters for some time.

The New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association opened the cross country season at Manly, near Sydney, on April 30, when over sixty athletes took part and after a run of over six miles Holden, Wilson, York, Gee, and Swindley were the first batch to reach home. In the evening a dinner was held and Mr R. Coombes, president of the Amateur Athletic Association, presided. The St. George team having the largest muster at the meet, won a handsome silver bugle, presented by Mr R. A. Stennet. Mr Thomas, on behalf of his club, received and acknowledged the trophy. The chairman then announced that he had received news of the death of Mr Jas. Martin, president of the Cyclist's Union, and for many years a vice-president of the Amateur Athletic Association. He spoke of the deceased gentleman's interest in athletics, and support of all the amateur bodies. As a token of respect, he asked the meeting to adjourn, and abandon their smoke concert. Alderman Passau and Messrs Stennett and F. Corti (of the Suburban B.C.) also spoke of Mr Martin's services in the cause of sport. The gathering then broke up.

A big thing in quoiting matches came off at Bridgeton in the beginning of April (writes an English correspondent), and created great interest among lovers of the game in Scotland and on the Borders, Kirkwood, of Banknock, playing Clarkson Rae, of Carronshire, 61 shots up, for a stake of £100 a side. Kirkwood, who is the present 16-yard and 21-yard champion, had to play at 21 yards as against his opponent's 18 yards, but, nevertheless, betting was as nearly as possible level. Rae went away at the start with a strong lead, but Kirkwood gradually overhauled him, and reached 21 to his 18. Rae was far from beaten, however, and several times drew nearly level, but in the final ends the champion went away again and finally won by 61 to 52.

of witnessing manly and determined struggle between experts at the game, as, shortly after the principals had faced each other on the mat, and before either had secured a hold, Yousef dashed upon Roeber when the latter was close to the edge of the platform, and deliberately pushed him off, he falling upon his head and shoulders with great violence. Foul was promptly claimed by Martin Julian for Roeber, and in opposition to the protest of Billy Brady, acting for the alleged Turk. Hugh Leonard, the referee decided the match in favor of the Teuton, on account of the foul. The management would seem to deserve great censure for neglecting to surround the platform with the usual posts and ropes, still, it is difficult to get the true inwardness of latter day wrestling matches, and it is possible that no one "in the know" was surprised at the outcome, although the plan may have been a new one.



[BY MURTAI.]

Quite a number of yachts have been changing ownership lately in Auckland. Mr Dunning has sold his old flyer, *Gloriana*, and purchased *Ladye Wilma*, Mr Swinnerion has sold *Mabel*, Mr Wilson his centre-boarder *Mizpah*, and Mr W. Wilson's little half-rater has gone to the Islands.

The committee appointed to fix up matters in connection with the aquatic sports at the forthcoming Exhibition has decided that the prize for the inter-colonial yacht race shall be £100, the boats to be 1-raters, and the race to be sailed under Y.R.A. rules. Builders are to be given a free hand as to lightness and style of boat.

13min 53sec, and the winning post in 22min 15sec. In the meantime Cambridge had been having a deplorable experience; and, in fact, nearing the end of the "contest" they simply had to cease rowing, and let their boat drift past the judge's position. Needless to say, they had the sympathy of everyone, but so uneven a struggle could not be expected to rouse much enthusiasm among spectators already chilled by the extraordinarily inclement weather. It was on all sides conceded that the race should have been postponed, as the sports were on the previous day. It was a farce to row in such weather; and, indeed, half an hour before the time set, it was confidently asserted that a postponement had been agreed upon. It is absurd to call it a race when the coxswain of the Cambridge boat was absolutely sitting in water after the first 200 yards.

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SEDEBROOK (BY LOUIS D'OR—VICRESS) A CRACK WEST COAST HORSE.

The Ten Miles Amateur Championship of England was decided at Stamford Bridge on April 2, when the weather was fine and the track in capital order. A record field of twenty-three went to the post, the chief absentee being A. E. Tysoe, who won last year. As a race nothing better has been seen for many a long day (says the *London Sportsman*). True, the issue after a third of the distance had been covered was confined to five runners, but for the last five miles, at least until the bell rang for the final lap, the boldest speculator would have hesitated to lay 5 to 4 he named the winner. For four miles a sheet would have covered Sid Robinson, C. Bennett, E. Barlow, and H. Harrison, and seldom has excitement been sustained as was the case in the event under notice. Bennett flagged towards the close, but he came again in a remarkable manner. Robinson, however, contrary to expectation, showed better speed than either Bennett or Barlow, and with the race in hand he sprinted away in the last lap, and won easily in the good time of 53min 12sec. Robinson also won the National Cross country Race this year, and he was also first man home in the international race between England and France, decided in March.

WRESTLING.

Ernest Roeber and Yousef, the "Terrible Turk," met at Madison Square Garden, New York, on Saturday night, March 25th for the advertised purpose of engaging in a Greco-Roman wrestling match, for a stated stake of 500dol. a side and half of the gate money, which amounted to a very respectable sum, as close upon six thousand persons paid admission to the Garden (says a New York paper). They were sadly disappointed, however, in their expectation

An English correspondent writes:—"Various circumstances will cause the Oxford and Cambridge boat race of 1898 to be numbered among the most memorable of all on the long list of contests since the institution of the race 69 years ago. Misfortune dogged the Cambridge men from almost the day when the selection of the crew first began to be considered; shortly after strict training commenced some disension arose among the crew as then constituted, the outcome being that one of the men withdrew altogether, while another was absent for some considerable time; mishaps and ailments caused the reluctant withdrawal of some of their best oarsmen, so that on the day only four of those who started practice were still left still in the boat, while on the day itself the weather was so vile and such a gale of wind blew that the race was voted practically a certainty for whichever crew won the toss, and Oxford won it. Betting in town, which for the previous few days had ruled at about 7 to 4 on Oxford, now rose to 5 to 1 on them, the light blue's chance being looked on (with the toss lost) as hopeless. And so it proved, for so rough was the water at the start that their boat was nearly half filled whilst waiting for their opponents at the starting point. The Cambridge stroke had evidently concluded that their sole chance of victory lay in the desperate essay to chop Oxford at the start and gain sufficient lead to allow them to cross the dark blues' bow and gain the shelter of the Middlesex shore, for at the signal they dashed off at a great pace, but their plucky effort merely resulted in their holding a quarter of a length's lead for a few hundred yards. The race from that out scarcely needs describing, for Oxford soon drew level, and then went away at their leisure. The mile post was passed in 4min 55sec by the leaders, Hamer-smith Bridge in 9min 15sec, Chiswick Steps in

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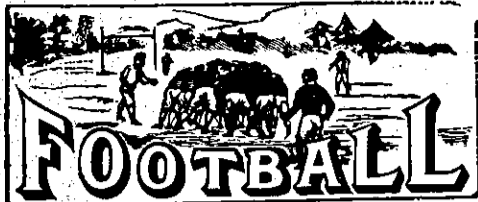
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[BY VIGILANT.]

The senior cup matches for Saturday are Ponsonby v. North Shore, Suburbs v. Grafton, and Newton v. City; Parnell a bye.

Judging by the manner in which Grafton have bowled over City and Ponsonby in the last two matches, I should say that they will make a good stand against Suburbs, though I expect to see the latter win if again operated by the team that played against Parnell last week.

Although the rain was coming down in bucketsful at 2 o'clock on Saturday last, the Auckland Rugby Union did not see fit to postpone the cup fixtures, evidently thinking that our players might as well adapt themselves to a greasy ball as be fine weather players. If the assumption is the correct one, then the Union acted wisely, as, for all we know, one of our big foreign matches may have to be played on a wet ground.

The result was a huge falling away in attendance, there not being one-fourth of the usual number of onlookers present, but those that did turn out got full value for their money in the Suburbs v. Parnell match, a great struggle, won by the suburban players by 7 points (a goal from a mark and a try) to nil.

The Maroons, whose front division are undoubtedly a great lot, and had not known what it was to be beaten up to the present match, found their "Waterloo" in the heavy, fast dashing pack of the out-district, while their backs could not compare with those of the black fifteen in point of speed, though I must compliment them on the sound defence set up. Add Charlie Speight to Suburbs, and what a great team they are, and how difficult to beat for the cup if they stick together.

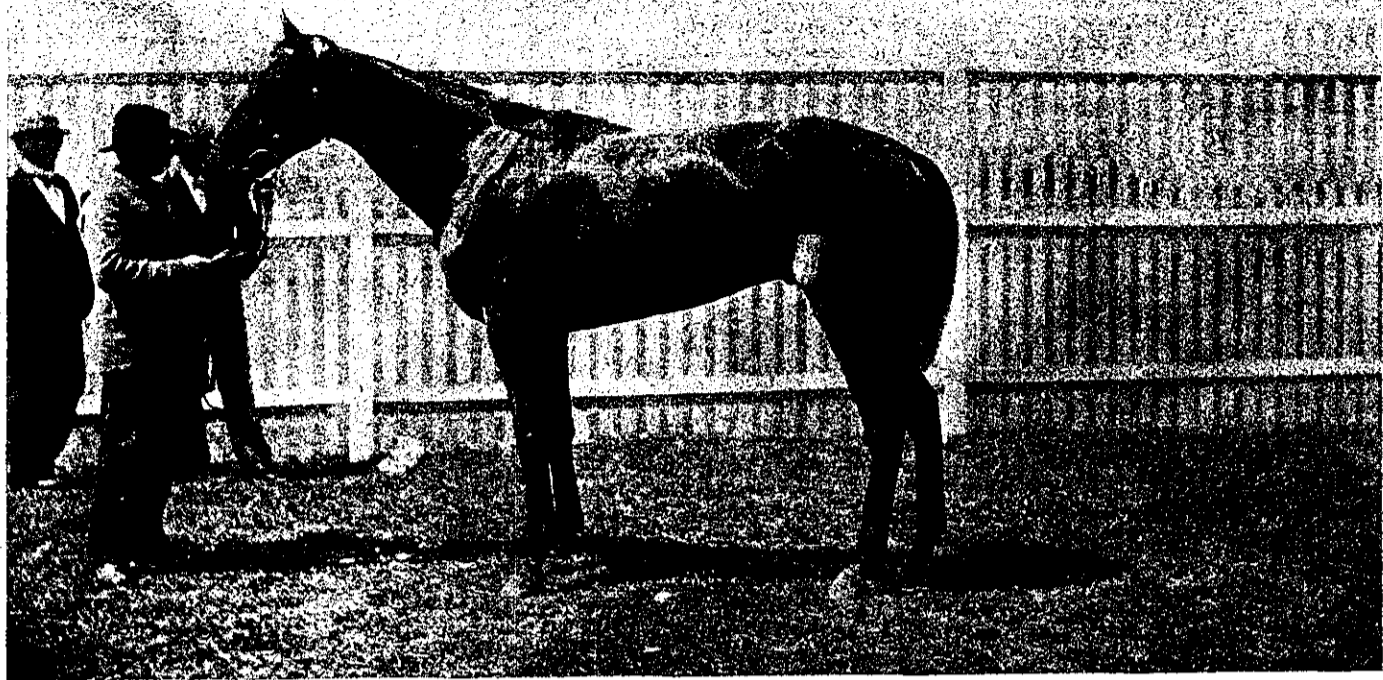
Sutherland at full-back for Suburbs, has played better games, and, though, on the whole he left nothing to cavil at, he muffed the ball on one or two occasions that might have proved more disastrous than was the case.

The great pace of Absolum, McPike, and Bennett, make them a most dangerous set of three-quarters, while the splendid drop-kicking of the latter is always a menace to the opposing side. They got off some very good passing runs on Saturday considering the greasy state of the oval, and Bennett had decidedly hard luck in not being given that goal from the field that he undoubtedly kicked. Everyone who saw it agrees that it was a drop kick, but Mr Katterns, the referee, took it to be a punt, and gave his decision accordingly. While apparently a wrong decision, Mr Katterns must be credited with a prompt and, what he believed to be, a correct award.

Gage, at five-eighths, was the "daddy" of the winning team, and times out of number his grand defence was shown in the manner in which he pulled up the forward rushes of the Parnell front rank. Not only did he work wonders in this direction, but was at all times prominent in offensive play, initiating the passing runs and kicking with great judgment down the line. From a mark by this player Suburbs obtained their first score, a potted goal, Absolum taking the shot.

Jones, a promoted junior, played behind the pack, and although somewhat at sea for the first twenty minutes of the game, made very good use of himself through the balance.

That old war-horse, "Rab" McKenzie, and J. Gillet proved a tower of strength to the Suburb's vanguard, and were always in the thick of the melees. Spurred on by the brilliant play of this pair, the younger members of the forward division worked like Trojans, and not a "waster" was to be seen among them.



VANISH (BY NATATOR) RECENTLY DESTROYED.

Thomson was very safe at full-back for Parnell, but a trifle slow in getting the ball away sometimes. His tackling was very sound.

Of the maroon three-quarters Laws was undoubtedly the best, making good use of his feet and collating well. Hedges and Thomson, the other three-quarters, played up to form, but lacked the pace of the opposing division, and did not pass too well with the wet ball.

Pierce and Richards being behind a beaten pack were naturally not seen to advantage, yet they worked hard.

Whitley played with great dash on the wing, and Murray and Sampson stood out as the most prominent of the forwards, who all did their utmost to avert defeat, the task, however, being beyond them.

Our Napier correspondent wires:—At the Recreation Ground on Saturday the senior match, Napier v. Clive, came up for settlement, after a keen and exciting struggle the country team proved successful by a brace of points, the score at the close of time being Clive 5, Napier 3. In the place kicking and forward work the victorious team were a long way ahead of their opponents, who did not show such proficient or combined work as the country team, and to this cause must be attributed their defeat. For the winners, Geordine, R. Caldwell, and Cheer were the pick of the forward lot, Russell and W. O'Connell being the most prominent amongst the backs. In the Napier contingent, Cameron and Munro (forwards) and Miller, Thompson, and Hallimore (backs) were conspicuous for good all-round, serviceable work. At times a great deal of off-side play was indulged in, the Clive combination being the principal aggressors against the rules, and consequently the referee (Mr Hislop) had a particularly busy time of it with the whistle. He also had to caution two of the Clive fraternity, Cheer and Caldwell, for rough play. In the senior match, Pirates v. Te Aute, which was to have taken place at Farndon Park, the latter forfeited to the Pirates, the state of the weather,

which was of the cold, rainy sort, precluding them from travelling to the scene of action.



[BY DICKEN.]

Owners made a very fair response to the invitation of the Auckland Coursing Club to nominate for the Puppy Stakes. The following are the nominations taken out:—T. Stewart 1, M. Furlong 1, J. Taylor 3, J. Porter 1, J. C. Troy, 1, W. Young 2, N. Christian 2, C. Philpot 1, C. Whitten 1, E. Wylie 2, J. Gallagher 1, F. Malam 3, J. Speer 1, A. E. Stych 1, P. E. Barton 1, J. Handcock 1, J. Proudfoot 5, J. Coulson 3, H. Barton 1. Messrs J. Barr, J. Ferguson, and D. Brennan have been nominated for the position of slipper. The nominators for the Puppy and Great Northern Challenge Stakes will elect the slipper this evening by ballot.

To-night the final payments for the Great Northern Challenge and Puppy Stakes are due.

In addition to Favonus and Rocket, Frank Baker has The Fiend and Miss Trilby in hand. The Fiend is showing improved form, and Miss Trilby is also doing well. I am sorry to hear that Favonus' feet are a bit dickey.

Mr Stych's Sealed Packet and Playboy had a trial at the Plumpton last week. The hare was a splendid one, and doubled back from the escapes, which made the trial a grueller, disastrous to the dogs. Seal Packet killed, and dropped exhausted with the hare in his mouth. Playboy also

dropped exhausted, and had to be carried off the Plumpton.

According to a recent English paper, there was a large attendance at the sale of Colonel North's sporting trophies at Avery Hill, Eltham. There were only a few sporting men present, and the competition was not very keen, most of the trophies being secured by dealers. The Goodwood Cup of 1890, won by Philomel, and weighing 154oz, fetched 13s an ounce, the highest rate obtained throughout the sale. The Brighton Cup of 1890, and the Liverpool Autumn Cup of 1889, which also fell to Colonel North's share by the aid of Philomel, sold for 8s 8d and 8s an ounce respectively. The weight of the former was 333oz, and that of the latter 185oz. The trophies which Colonel North purchased to commemorate the four successive victories of his famous greyhound, Fullerton, in the Waterloo Cup evoked much admiration, but did not realise very high prices. The cups of 1889, when Fullerton divided with Troughend, and of 1890 fetched 6s 2d and 7s 11d an ounce respectively. The 1891 shield, embossed with medallions of coursing scenes, sold for 6s an ounce. The Waterloo Cup 1892 is a magnificent embossed and chased silver gilt two-handed cup and cover, surmounted by a large model of Fullerton. It weighs 544oz, and stands 3ft high. Starting at 2s 6d an ounce the bidding gradually rose to 5s 10s, at which rate the handsomest coursing trophy in the country was knocked down to a dealer for about £160. The jugs and goblets en suite with the Goodwood Cup, and weighing about 300ozs, averaged 10s an ounce.

The Coursing Club, contrary to the practice of former years, offered the privileges in connection with its meetings for sale at Messrs. Churton and Co's mart on Friday last, but the experiment was not a success. For the booth (eight days' coursing) £25 was the top price offered, and as this did not reach the reserve price, the booth was withdrawn and submitted for one meeting only, the result being that Mr Enwright became the purchaser for £7. The sum of £60 was offered for the gates by Mr J. Tobias, but the offer was declined, as was also an offer for the cards.

In consequence of the Takapuna Jockey Club's second day being postponed until Saturday next, the Auckland Coursing Club has decided to put off the first day of its June Meeting until Wednesday next, June 1. The second day's coursing will take place on the following Wednesday, June 8th.

THE SLIPPER.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I see by the paper that I have been nominated for the position of slipper to the Avondale Club. Whilst I have every wish to encourage the sport, I must assert a little respect for myself by declining to stand for election. I thank the gentleman who have nominated me, also those who were willing to support me, but my decision is that I will not accept the position as slipper. I wish the sport every success. Yours truly, JAMES BARR.

The following may be accepted as an evidence of the bias of the conservative Britisher. The *Sporting Times* remarks:—Advance, Australia! But please do it as gradually as you can. I think we have had quite enough bounce for the present about the doings and capabilities of Kangarooland. They have whipped us at cricket—chiefly because Stoddart can't toss for Barcelonas—but the superiority of their horses has yet to be proved; and con-found that Starting Gate. I was once privileged to see St. Simon and Carbine side by side, and it was like putting the Duke of Portland and a Latimer Road landlord on the same hearthrug, or Koch *filis* and fourpenny ale in the same jug. In the matter of production of race horses Kildare is as far in front of New South Wales as Sir Henry Irving is in front of our curate when he recites "The Dream of Eugene Aram" at a penny reading; and the Starting Gate if all right in theory, is in practice about as dangerous to life and limb as dynamite or rattle-snakes.



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PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1898.

To Start at 11.30 a.m. Handicap Hurdle Race of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, two miles, over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s.

To Start at 12 noon. Hack Hurdles Handicap of 15 sovs. Distance, one mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles. Entry, 15s, to close Friday, July 1st, at 9 p.m. No restriction as to qualification.

To Start at 12.45 p.m. Ladies' Bracelet Handicap of 15 sovs. Distance, one mile and a quarter. For qualified hunters, to be owned by members of the P. B. Hunt Club, and ridden by members of a recognised Hunt Club. Horses to have been hunted to the satisfaction of the Master, whose certificate must be produced to the clerk of scales. Entry, 15s.

To Start at 1.45 p.m. Trial Steeplechase of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles. For horses that have never won a steeplechase exceeding 40 sovs in value at time of nomination. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s.

To Start at 2.30 p.m. Flying Hack Handicap of 20 sovs. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 9st. No restrictions as to qualification. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

To Start at 3.15 p.m. Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 20 sovs. Distance, about two miles. For qualified hunters, the bona fide property of members of a recognised Hunt Club. Gentlemen riders. Horses to have been hunted to the satisfaction of the Master, whose certificate must be produced to the clerk of scales. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

To Start at 4 p.m. Winter Oats Hack Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of Flying Hack Handicap to carry 5lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1898.

To Start at 11.30 a.m. Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s.

To Start at 12 noon. Second Hack Hurdles Handicap of 15 sovs. Distance, one mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles. Entry, 15s, to close Friday, July 1st, at 9 p.m. No restrictions as to qualification.

To Start at 12.45 p.m. Hunters' Flat Race Handicap of 20 sovs. Distance, one mile and a half. For qualified hunters, the bona fide property of members of a recognised Hunt Club. Gentlemen riders. Horses to have been hunted to the satisfaction of the Master, whose certificate must be produced to the clerk of scales. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

To Start at 1.45 p.m. Gisborne Park Steeplechase Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. About three miles. Nomination, 20; acceptance, 40s.

To Start at 2.30 p.m. Te Hapara Hack Handicap of 20 sovs. Distance, seven furlongs. Minimum weight, 9st. No restrictions as to qualification. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

To Start at 3.15 p.m. Tally-ho Steeplechase Handicap of 20 sovs. About two miles and a half. For qualified hunters, the bona fide property of members of a recognised Hunt Club. Gentlemen riders. Horses to have been hunted to the satisfaction of the Master, whose certificate must be produced to the clerk of the scales. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

To Start at 4 p.m. Final Hack Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of Te Hapara Hack Handicap to carry 5lb penalty. No restrictions as to qualification. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

Application for election as GENTLEMAN RIDER must be made to the Committee of the Jockey Club in whose district the applicant resides, and must be proposed and seconded in writing by members of the club. No person having received payment in consideration of work performed in connection with the training or riding of horses shall be eligible for election as Gentleman Rider.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

No Entry will be received for any race, except upon the condition that all claims, disputes, and objections arising shall be decided by the Stewards, or whom they may appoint, and their decision on all points connected with the carrying out of this programme shall be final. All Nominations, Entries, and Acceptances, etc., must be accompanied by the necessary amount payable, and left in the Club's Letter Box, addressed to the Secretary, Argyll Hotel, on the specified dates. Races to be run under the Rules of Racing. In the event of interruption in telegraphic communication, the Club reserves the right of extending the time for receiving nominations or acceptances. Five per cent. will be deducted from the gross amount of all stakes.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS—SATURDAY, June 11, at 9 p.m. WEIGHTS declared SATURDAY, June 26. ACCEPTANCES—FRIDAY, July 1, at 9 p.m. WEIGHTS for Second Day's Races declared on WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 6th. ACCEPTANCES to be made by 9 p.m.

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RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.

June 4, Sat; 6, Mon—North New Zealand Grand National June 22, Wed; 24, Fri—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter June 29, Wed; 30, Thurs—Napier Park R.C. Steeplechase July 5, Tues; 7, Thurs—Gisborne Park Steeplechase July 14, Thurs; 16, Sat—Wellington R.C. Steeplechase August 11, Thurs; 13, Sat—N.Z. Grand National October 10, Mon; 11, Tues—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring

NOMINATIONS

May 28—Taranaki J.C. Hack Guineas May 31—Napier Park R.C. Winter June 6—New Zealand Cup June 11—Gisborne Park Steeplechase June 14—Napier Park R.C. Winter June 16—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter June 17—N.Z. Grand National June 17—Wellington R.C. Winter June 27—Wellington R.C. Wellesley Stakes and Wellington Stakes July 8—Wellington R.C. Winter July 25—N.Z. Grand National

HANDICAPS.

May 28—North N.Z. Grand National June 6—North N.Z. Grand National June 10—Hawke's Bay J.C. Hurdle Race and Steeplechase June 18—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter June 26—Gisborne Park Steeplechase June 25—Napier Park R.C. Winter June 27—Wellington R.C. Winter July 1—New Zealand Cup July 18—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles August 1—N.Z. Grand National

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June 1—North N.Z. Grand National June 6—North N.Z. Grand National June 16—Hawke's Bay J.C. Hurdle Race and Steeplechase June 20—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter June 27—Napier Park R.C. Winter July 1—Gisborne Park Steeplechase July 8—Wellington R.C. Winter July 25—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles August 5—New Zealand Cup August 8—N.Z. Grand National December 31—Taranaki Hack Guineas

FINAL PAYMENT.

August 8—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles FIRST FORFEIT. August 1—Third Marlborough Hack Challenge Stakes

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WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1898.

SPORTING TOPICS.

In the District Court at Hawera on May 11 and 12, Judge Kenny was occupied in hearing a case in which C. R. Bayley claimed £69 19s from A. G. Brett, secretary of the Egmont Racing Club, the claim arising out of an agreement under which plaintiff bought the gates for the Egmont Summer Meeting. The case arose on a claim for repayment by the club for the admittance of holders of complimentary tickets issued by the club, and as alleged made use of; also for admittance of owners, jockeys, and trainers, for which plaintiff submitted defendant should have paid. As to the latter it was alleged by defendant that there was a verbal agreement as part of the conditions of sale by which owners, trainers, &c., were to be admitted free and treated as free plaintiffs. This was denied by plaintiff, and constituted the chief cause of litigation. After hearing evidence and argument of counsel, His Honor said he thought there was a strong case for plaintiff in regard to his claim for £21 4s (complimentary tickets and bookmakers' admittance). He would suggest that the parties should agree to a verdict for that amount, and thus save further litigation. He would adjourn the case till next day to enable the parties to confer, when he would give his decision on the non-suit points raised. On resuming next morning, Mr Barton said the parties had not been able to come to an agreement. His Honor then said he would non-suit the plaintiff on the ground that the evidence disclosed no contract between the plaintiff and defendant—if it disclosed a contract at all it disclosed a contract with the stewards of the Egmont Racing Club. It was unnecessary to decide on the other points raised, for the one mentioned went to the root of the whole matter. The action might have been made an alternative action in which the stewards could have been joined, but even then Mr Brett would have been entitled to the costs. If that course had been followed it would perhaps have obviated the necessity for a fresh action. Costs were assessed as follows:—Witnesses, £4 7s; Court costs, 17s; counsel's fee, £3 10s. Execution was stayed for 28 days from date of judgment, to permit of an appeal being lodged.—Hawera Star.

A correspondent writes to the Waitara Daily News:—On the invitation of Mr J. J. Russell, a small party of gentlemen, including Mr F. Lawry, M.H.R., drove to Okato recently, for the purpose of seeing the progeny of Waiuku. The two youngsters, a filly and a colt, are running on Mr J. C. Montefiore's farm, which is situated about a couple of miles beyond the Okato township. The youngsters were disputing themselves in a large paddock along with their mother, Lady Onslow (Governor—Mokamoka, by Don Juan), the pony mare who put so many flat and jumping events to her credit in 14.2 company some seasons back. The old mare, who had given herself a nasty knock on the near fore fetlock, was looking well, but was not able to move along so fast as her foals desired her to do on the approach of strangers. The filly, rising two years, is a handsome chestnut, taking after her dam in color, with a large but well defined blaze on her forehead, and a white stocking on her near hind leg. She is a well-set, powerfully-built filly, combining strength with symmetry, and the way she moves round is sufficient guarantee that she will gallop when she is called on to sport silk. The colt, rising a yearling, takes after his champion sire in color, and also temperament, as he displays a more sedate and quieter style than his frisky sister. He, if anything, is a shade darker than Waiuku. He displays the substance and bone of his sire, with a pretty game-looking head, and taking him all round he is, no doubt, a racehorse in embryo. The only white about him is a nice sized star on his forehead. Jay J. is a believer in letting young stock mature and gain muscle by roaming about large paddocks.

The St. Alban's stud is being materially strengthened. Mr W. R. Wilson recently purchased Tinstream, a Goodwood Handicap winner, for 200 guineas. She will at once be sent to the stud.

Such fast horses as Trappist, Lollypop, Lowlander, Ecosais, and Silvio all went down before Springfield the flying son of St. Alban. Silvio had won the Derby and St. Leger, but Springfield beat him easily in the Champion Stakes. This race was a mile and a quarter, the longest distance, by the way, Springfield had been asked to race. Evidently speed was thought to be his forte. Springfield was supposed by the bookmakers to be amiss when he ran in the Champion Stakes, consequently they took liberties with him, and lost a lot of money over the race. At the stud, Springfield was only a qualified success. Sainfoin, the Derby winner, was one of his sons, but, as a rule, his colts were soft and of little account. On the other hand, though, his daughters, notably Briarroot (winner of the One Thousand), Sunrise, Spring Morn, and Ponzia, did well on the turf. The last-named is the dam of Positano. Springfield mares are invaluable for stud purposes. Galtee More, the triple-crowned hero, who was the other day sold for £25,000, was foaled by a daughter of Springfield.

Mr Henry Priston, who, by his removal from Rotorua was obliged to resign the secretaryship of the Rotorua Jockey Club, has been succeeded by Mr A. Warbrick, the well known and popular guide.

It is not often in these days that we hear of a racehorse standing eighteen hands. Cottus, a son of imported Eiridsford, has, however, that distinction. Cottus is expected to make his debut as a jumper shortly.

In a four-horse flat race at the Westland meeting two horses fell and a third one was interfered with. The fourth, which of course won, was protested against for inconsistent running, and the protest was dismissed.

At a meeting of the stewards of the Masterton Racing Club held recently, it was decided that, if necessary, a deputation should go to Wellington and wait on the Minister for Railways to urge concessions in fares being granted on the Club's race days. It was decided to give notice of motion at the Racing Conference, to be held in Wellington on July 13th, that all secretaries of racing clubs should decline nominations unless accompanied by the necessary fees. The secretary announced that the club practically had the sum of £210 18s 11d in hand.

It is quite evident that our business men anticipate that the Great Northern Steeplechase Meeting will be a success, as the prices realised at the sale of privileges last Friday were in excess of those obtained last year. The Grandstand Booth was bought by Mr O'Connor for £80, and the Lean-to Bar fell to the same purchaser for £55. Mr Donovan purchased the No. 1 Booth for £40. The cards were knocked down to Mr Adams for £140, and the refreshment stall to Mrs Murphy for £3. The total sum realised by the sale was £318.

A peculiar error occurred recently in England in connection with a couple of horses—Otello and Monos—the property of the same owner. A groom, it appears, had somehow managed to mix the two up, and Otello ran as Monos three times before the mistake was discovered. What makes the incident more remarkable is that both horses had, prior to the mix-up, raced under their proper names on several occasions.

The full programme of the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Steeplechase Meeting, to be held on July 14 and 15, is published in our advertising columns. Seven events on each day are provided for, and the added money amounts to £1245. The principal events on the first day will be the Winter Handicap Hurdles of 150 sovs, two miles and the Parliamentary Handicap of 125 sovs, one mile and a furlong. On the second day the great attraction should be the Wellington Steeplechase Handicap of 250 sovs, about three miles. Particulars as to the dates of nomination, etc., may be gleaned from the advertisement.

"For the enjoyment of the Sport of King's—and Other Thieves—in its most primitive and innocent form, commend me to a Maori race-meeting (writes a Sydney Bulletin correspondent). At Hamilton (Auckland), the other day, an impromptu gathering was got off; total stakes £8, cut up into many prizes. There were six competitors in all, and, as races were held every few minutes and all the nags started every time, saddles were not removed until the end of the day. As none of the prads had names, the mushroom books laid odds against owners, which answered satisfactorily. Plenty of fun; no rows; no inconsistency. The most important official was the judge, who wore an oilskin coat as emblem of office." Surely this cannot refer to the recent meeting at Hamilton. If it does, the writer has been drawing on his imagination and pulling the Bulletin's leg, a fact which would cause the managing editor, Mr J. Archibald, never to trust his correspondent again.

With regard to the conviction recorded against Martin Taylor, the Spectator remarks:—"The Spectator regards the man who thinks gambling can be suppressed as a born idiot. You can no more suppress gambling than you can the taste for liquor, or any other craving strongly implanted in the British race as the result of hereditary and upbringing. This being so, the Spirit of Fairplay comes in, and the B.P. will insist on equal facilities being given to the poor and the rich if they wish to gamble. If its wrong wipe it out altogether; if its not wrong, let all stand on the same footing, according to their means. This paper has repeatedly advocated a half-crown totalisator, and sees no reason to alter its opinion. Neither does it see any reason why those who wish to gamble on horse racing should be able to do so only on the course, and through the machine. At present Wanklyn (on behalf of the C.J.C) and Martin Taylor and Co. are the only means of gambling off the course. And it is monstrous to say that Taylor is a criminal and send him to gaol for booking bets at totalisator odds, whilst the C.J.C., through its Secretary, does exactly the same thing. But Law is Law, even though it may be the biggest 'hass' in creation, and if the Law as at present is to be operated in the way it has lately the totalisator is doomed. The Crowd will not submit to one law for the Upper Circles and another for the Lower Orders. The Crowd have got Votes, and if they so decree the totalisator must go, and where will the big stakes come from which the C.J.C. now divide among themselves?"

The death is announced from Perth of Mr John Lang, a gentleman well known in sporting circles in the Western colony. Mr Lang, only a short while back, joined the ranks of metallicians in Perth. He was a native of New Zealand, followed racing here, and at one time figured in the pigskin, and gained numerous victories, principally on Toryboy, Venus, and Speculator. The deceased was noted for feats of daring in the saddle, being a celebrated rider of horses of a fiery disposition.

The Australian thoroughbreds Athlone (Anteros—Hazeline), Lady Loch (Lochiel—Hope), and Bayonet (Carbine—Damsel) have been purchased by Sir Rupert Clarke for India.

The Melbourne Sportsman is evidently an authority on the subject of slang. It explains that the expression "blusing in" is the term employed when punters are induced to back a "dead 'un."

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In our advertisement columns this week there appears a notification that the three-year-old Coronet, by Castor—Necklace, is for private sale.

The annual meeting of the Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club will be held on the Poverty Bay Park Company's course on Tuesday and Thursday, July 5 and 7.

It appears that the cause of the accident in the Birthday Handicap at Takapuna was that Merry Maid slipped and fell just in front of Rex, who came a regular purler.

There was considerable consternation in the weighing room at Takapuna on Tuesday, when Nor-west's jockey came to scale after winning the Hurdle Race.

The double victory of Castashore at Takapuna on Tuesday has naturally brought the son of Castor and Zip into prominence for the Grand National Hurdle Race, at Ellerslie, on Saturday week.

The Hon. H. Mosman's Grand National Hurdle Race candidate, Antares, made his maiden jumping effort, at Takapuna, on Tuesday, and although the son of Castor—Hilda jumped wildly at first and then sulked for a time, he came with a good run at the finish.

There were some who loudly rumbled at Mr Halstead when he despatched the field for the Royal Handicap at Takapuna on Tuesday.

The first public coursing event of the season took place in the stewards' enclosure at the North Shore course on Queen's Birthday.

Our old bookmaking friend, Mr John Cruickshank, was not in evidence at Takapuna, the fact being that he favoured the West Coast and Wanganui.

There is evidently no mistake about the quality of the Australian horse Friz. On Tuesday, at the Canterbury Trotting Club's Meeting, he won the Free-for-All Trot, one mile, by the length of the straight, in 2min 28 4-5sec.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Mr J. F. Cruickshank who is on a visit to Wanganui, reports the following business on the GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES AND GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE.

- 250 to 10 Nor-West and Toriki
100 to 2 Nor-West and Missfire
200 to 3 Nor-West and Itch
250 to 4 Opai and Toriki
100 to 4 Opai and Levanter
200 to 4 Opai and The Sinner
200 to 4 Voltigeur and The Sinner
250 to 7 Voltigeur and Toriki
100 to 3 The Friar and Miss Nelson

Mr W. Ryan reports the following business on the GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES AND GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE.

- 200 to 4 Opai and The Sinner
200 to 6 Nor-West and The Sinner
200 to 6 Nor-West and Dummy
200 to 7 Nor-West and Levanter
200 to 3 Muscatel and Conscript
200 to 1 Levanter and Itch
200 to 2 Friar and Dummy
200 to 2 Friar and Riot
200 to 4 Kiama and The Sinner
200 to 3 Levanter and Levanter
200 to 2 Levanter and Conscript
200 to 6 Torpina and Miss Nelson
200 to 2 Dummy and Friar
100 to 14 Friar and Levanter
100 to 2 Muscatel and Miss Nelson
100 to 3 Voltigeur and Miss Nelson
100 to 2 Opai and Levanter
100 to 1 Voltigeur and Levanter
100 to 2 Dante and Troubadour
200 to 14 Levanter and Maggie
200 to 3 Levanter and Toriki

Mr R. Cleland reports the following business on the GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE AND STEEPLECHASE.

- 100 to 5 Nor-West and Levanter
200 to 4 Nor-West and Maggie
200 to 6 Nor-west and Sinner
200 to 4 Opai and Magpie
200 to 8 Opai and Levanter
200 to 5 Opai and Sinner
200 to 4 Opai and Levanter
100 to 3 Dummy and Muscatel
200 to 6 Dummy and Dummy
200 to 4 Dummy and Levanter
200 to 4 Castashore and Levanter
300 to 6 Voltigeur and Levanter
400 to 4 Miss Nelson and Levanter
and smaller lines.

FUNERAL OF MR W. DOUGLAS.

The burial of the late Mr W. Douglas took place on Saturday. A large number of horsemen and occupants of wheeled conveyances assembled at Te Mahanga to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased settler and sportsman.

Our Illustrations.

A picture that will be much appreciated by our readers is that of Miss Elsie Carew, of the Frank Thornton Company. Miss Carew has been most favourably received wherever the Thornton Company has travelled—a reception only just to such an accomplished actress.

An excellent portrait of Miss Madge Corcoran, the clever and charming young actress, also of the Frank Thornton Company, will find numerous admirers.

We also give a portrait of Mr Audus Raynes, formerly of the Grand Hotel, Auckland, and now of the Terminus Hotel, New Plymouth.

Our sporting pictures include a very good likeness of the hurdler Vanish, which had to be destroyed last week owing to breaking a leg while schooling.

Pictures are also given of Muscatel, the winner of the Wanganui Steeplechase on Tuesday, and of Sedgebrook, a consistent performer at West Coast gatherings.

Anticipations.

THE TAKAPUNA MEETING.

[BY ATLAS.]

The Takapuna Jockey Club has succeeded in attracting a splendid entry for the various events provided for in the programme for the second day of the Winter Meeting.

Table listing race results and odds for various events including Britannia Handicap, Welter Handicap, Victoria Handicap, Hack Handicap, Second Handicap Hurdle Race, and Second Pony Handicap.

After the Races.

THE TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

[BY ATLAS.]

The clerk of the weather was in vile humour on Saturday, the day appointed for the opening of the Winter Meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club.

Nine out of the ten on the card saddled up for the Maiden Hurdle Handicap, and Miss Shot and The Trifler were made the favorites, but neither were ever dangerous.

It was raining in torrents when the seven candidates for the Maiden Plate wended their way to the post. The popular choice was My Sweetheart and Thelma, but punters on the favorites were once more astray.

The rain still continued, and the committee met to decide what should be done. There was, of course, a strong disinclination to postpone, but eventually the matter was settled by a number of the jockeys stating that in the existing condition of the course they would not ride, and a postponement was then decided upon.

SECOND DAY—MAY 24.

The Takapuna stewards have reason to congratulate themselves for having so successfully dodged the clerk of the weather.

dodged the clerk of the weather! Many thought that they were wrong in postponing on the first Saturday after having entered upon their programme, but I am emphatically of the opinion that they were right.

Clonmel was the only absentee for the Hurdle Race, and of the seven starters Mr Charlie Tate's visiting horse St. Hiko was made a pretty strong favourite, while the upstanding Reindeer was second in the public estimation.

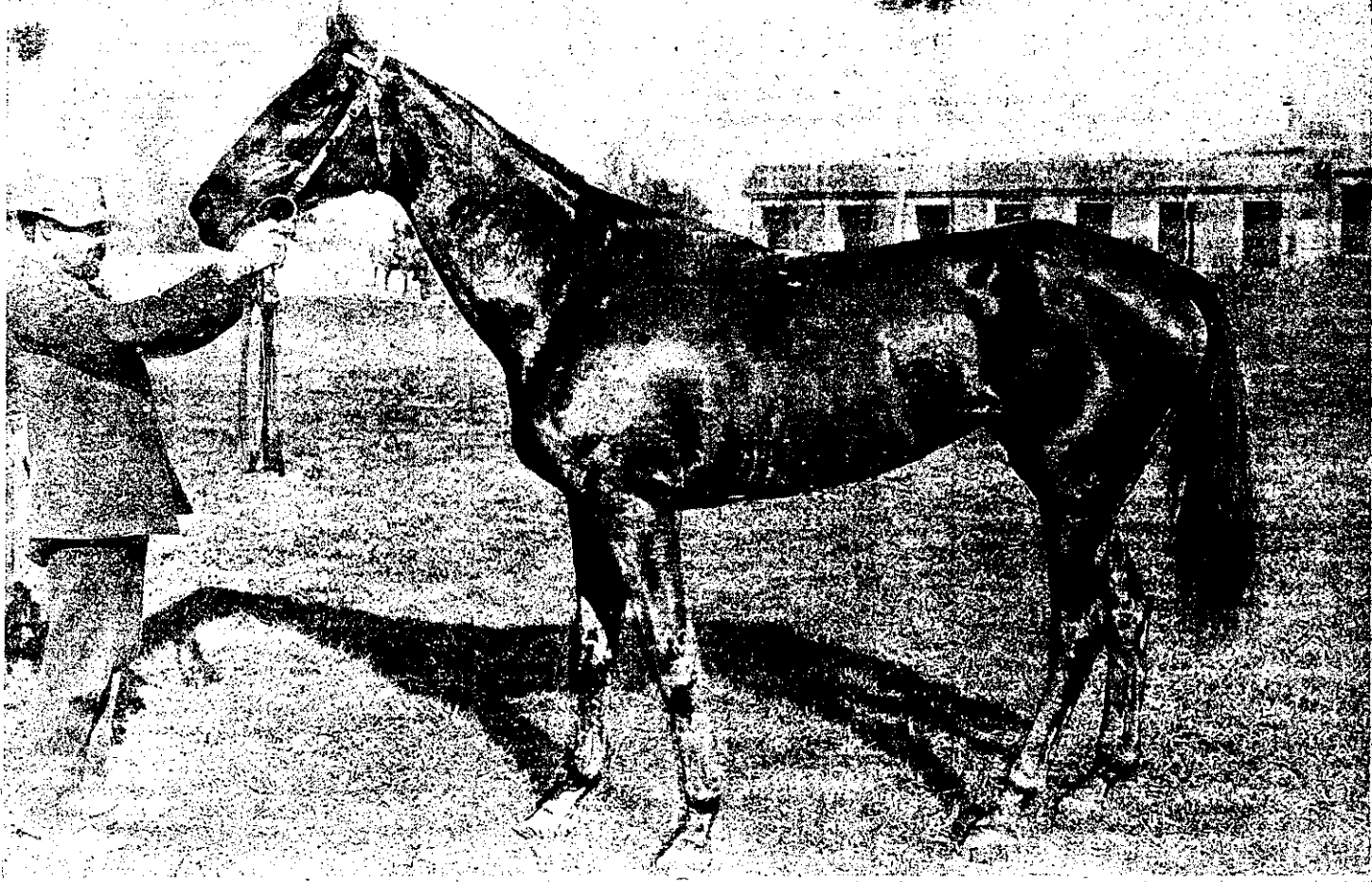
Of the three starters in the Substitution Handicap My Sweetheart was a strong favourite, but once again the innocent punters were at fault.

St. Owen was the only absentee for the thirteen acceptors for the Pony Race. Punters fancied Lady Howitzer very strongly, especially as she had the services of Gallagher as pilot.

and the pair raced ahead of the field round the back and along the top stretch. Here Parian Jeannie was seen to be moving up, and Satman, bringing his mount up on the firm ground once they were in the straight, he had no difficulty in winning somewhat easily by a couple of lengths from Ranguru, with Lady Howitzer close up third.

For the principal event of the day, the Birthday Handicap, ten saddled up, and when strolling through the paddock I liked nothing better in appearance than Rex. He is a horse that takes the eye at once, and Mr. Booth had evidently preserved his Ellerslie condition. The restless son of Castor, Castashore, attracted a lot of attention as he was walked round the paddock. In consequence of accidents he has been a most unfortunate horse. Last year he beat Panaply just as he did on Tuesday, but through the inconsistency of form, for which the horse should not be blamed, he was disqualified. He found his way into the hands of Mr. Platt, a recent arrival from South Africa and England, and when a race at Takapuna appeared at his mercy, he injured himself on board the steamer going to the Shore. Then again he was cast in his box and ruined his chances at Ellerslie, and on Tuesday it was Platt's first opportunity of bringing him to the post fit. The result, I think, proves the correctness of my frequently expressed opinion that he is the best horse that Castor has sired. Cravat, no doubt, is a good one, but I would sooner have Castashore, because, not only has he proved that he can gallop, but I have a suspicion that he can jump, and it may be that he will be found an ugly customer to meet in the Grand National Hurdles. Miss Anna looked well and her condition reflected credit on her trainer, Morrigan. Mr. Halstead let his field away to a beautiful start, and Castashore was the first to show the way, Miss Anna being second, Korowai third, and Porangi Potae fourth. Rounding the turn Supplejack ran up to Castashore, but the latter left him on entering the straight, and past the stand with a length and a half advantage of Korowai, Merry Maid, and Porangi Potae, who were racing in a line. Turning out of the straight, Porangi Potae left the others, and around the back chased the flying leader, but Castashore had always something in hand, and Porangi began to subside at the home turn, while Supplejack, who had been close to Porangi Potae, evidently had had enough. Just at this juncture the top-weight, Rex, who had been lying in the rear, began to move up, but somehow he and Merry Maid collided, and both came to grief. Immediately afterwards Panoply set sail, and the gallant old horse left the ruck, but had no chance with the leader. Nothing troubled the son of Castor, who, without an effort, came home a winner by four lengths. Panoply was second, two lengths in front of Korowai, Coronet being fourth, Porangi Potae fifth, and Miss Anna sixth.

Ballyhooley, Miss-shot, Erena, and Maid of Honor did not turn out for the First Handicap Hurdle Race, which was postponed for a few minutes on account of a heavy shower. Nor-West was looked upon as the certainty of the day. The Sou'-Wester gelding looked in perfect fettle, and fully justified the confidence of his admirers. When the barrier went up, Kapai's yellow jacket was for a short time seen in the van, but Seabreeze was leading over the first hurdle, and the Nelson mare, jumping very well, led her field past the stand for the first time with a big advantage of Nor-West, Kapai (who had to be kept going by Pennell) with Miss Nelson and Atlantic following some distance away. Seabreeze continued to hold a big lead during the second round, and with the exception that Kapai was quite out of the hunt, there was little alteration until the leader entered the top stretch. Here Nor-West, who had been gradually closing up on Seabreeze, got on terms, and the pair cleared the last obstacle together. Once fairly in the straight Nor-West held a slight lead, which he maintained with ease to the finish. Atlantic was third, some way off, Miss Nelson fourth, and Kapai last.



MR. F. WATSON'S B.M. MUSCATEL (BY FOUL PLAY—DAUPHIN MARE) WINNER OF THE WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE AT THE WANGANUI J.C. WINTER MEETING.

Five was the main for the Handicap Maiden Steeplechase, for which Voltigeur II. was most fancied. The first to show the way up the hill were Itch, Voltigeur, and Reindeer. At the jump at the top of the hill Choroal baulked, but was quickly got over. At the water jump both Itch and Voltigeur baulked, and the race afterwards remained with Reindeer, Playboy, and Charcoal, who were running in that order. Reindeer continued to act as pilot throughout, and was never afterwards troubled by the others, winning finally very easily by over a dozen lengths from Charcoal, who was a dozen lengths in front of Playboy.

Of the fifteen colored on the card for the Royal Handicap only Miss Nelson and Thelma were withdrawn, and Castashore, on the strength of his easy Birthday Handicap victory, was a warm fancy. The Sharper also met with very good support. The son of Kalo was looking very fit, but also a bit wicked, and in his preliminary he and Jellings had a tussle, which certainly did not improve his chance of victory. The favorite was a bit fractious at the post, and was placed behind the other horses to prevent danger. When Mr. Halstead prested the lever the Sharper's colors were seen in front for an instant, but he was soon tackled by Cuirassette, who for once in a way got away from the mark with the rest of the field. Round the back the North Shore filly was joined by My Sweetheart, and the pair raced on level terms along the top stretch and round the home turn. They came into the straight ahead of the others, but from here Castashore put in a marvellous run, and moving very fast on the firmer part of the course, he cut down his horses in tremendous style, and passed the post three lengths in front of Cuirassette, with Lillie, who had also come through her horses very

fast, third. Castashore's "double" was very popular, and his owner certainly deserved the congratulations he received from all sides.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

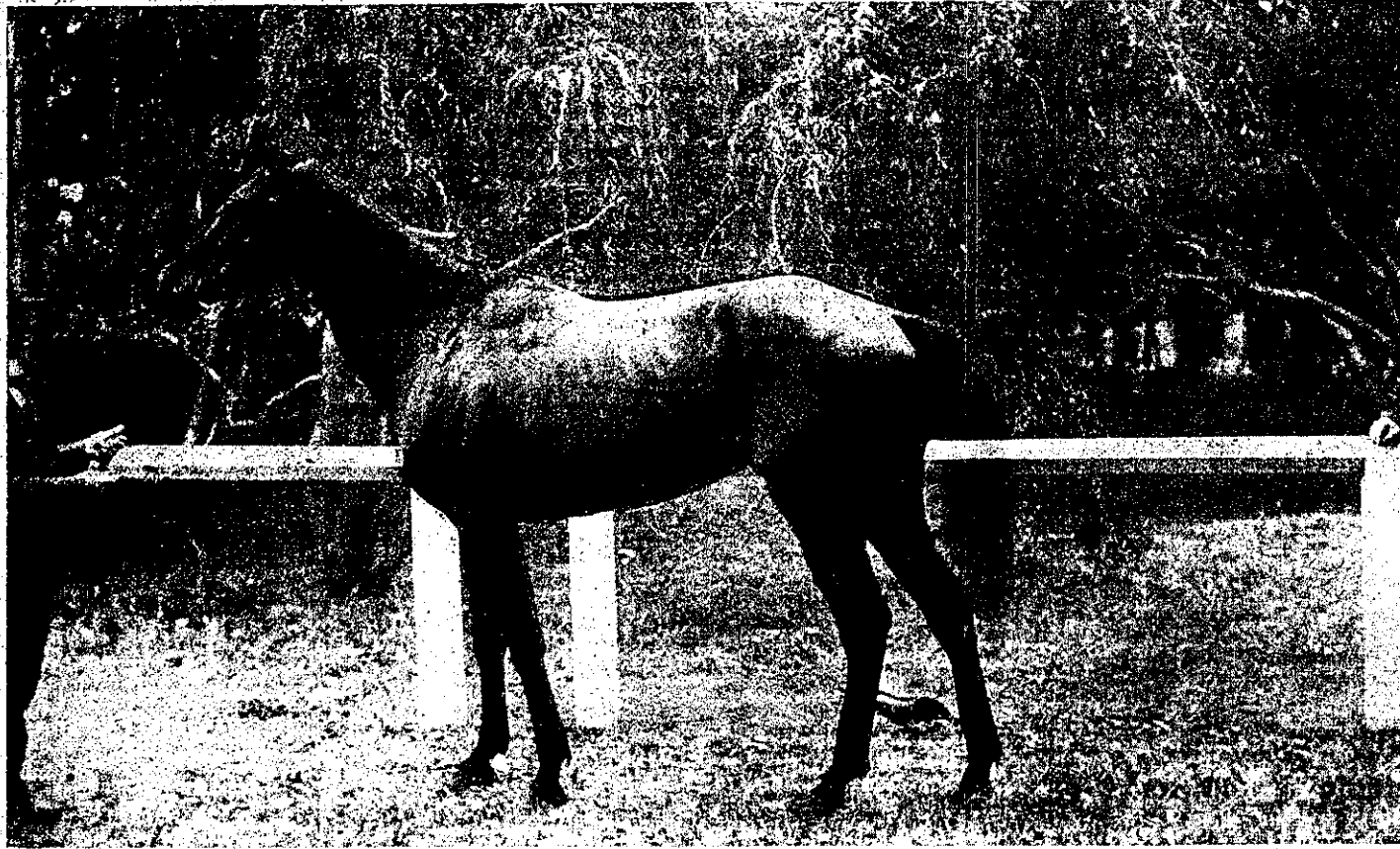
Proceedings commenced with the Flying Stakes, from which the Manawatu hack (The Archer, 6.10) was withdrawn, leaving five to go to the post. Aquatic was voted the good thing, the Natator mare carrying £256 out of a total of £638; whilst Light was better supported than Surrey. Aquatic and Surrey got all the best of the start, Light and Rangipuhi being very slow to move. The two first-named carried on the running with a strong lead of Indian Shot to half way round the turn; when Tommy Scott's cast-off began to move up, and at the quarter-mile post Indian Shot had reached the leaders. Aquatic then retired, leaving the issue to Indian Shot and Surrey, and a good go saw Indian Shot win by a neck from Surrey. Light came fast in the straight, finishing in third place a length behind Surrey. Indian Shot paid the good price of £10 5s.

The big event, the Wanganui Steeplechase, was robbed of considerable interest by the pen going through the names of Prince Charlie, who hopelessly broke down at work on Monday morning, and Toriki, who was reported to be sore. Needless to say Plain Bill was installed a strong favorite, 389 being on him out of 970. Muscatel, with whom Tally-ho was evenly backed, was next in demand. When the field went on the journey

Tangaroa was the first to show in front, Troubadour and Muscatel lying next. At the first jump—the stiff spar near the six furlong post—the two leaders (Tangaroa and Troubadour) toppled over and took no further part in the race, leaving Claymore to take up the running with Muscatel and Tally-ho as his nearest attendants. Claymore still led as they came round the bend from Muscatel, while Plain Bill had moved up a bit. No alteration took place as they swept past the stand or as they passed through the centre of the course, except when approaching the water Higgins rattled Plain Bill at it, reducing the gap somewhat. Claymore showed the way through the trees into the Recreation Ground, Muscatel lying close, with Plain Bill third, Riot and Tally-ho being handy to the top-weight. When they came into the course proper, Muscatel was in command, the rest being bunched in close attendance. Riot, Claymore, and Muscatel crossed the double in front of the judge's box all abreast; the second jump bringing Tally-ho down and giving Sweetie a nasty shaking. Muscatel, going strongly, again assumed a decided lead from Riot and Claymore as they went down the back of the course; Plain Bill lying a bit far out. At the half-mile post Higgins got to work on the top-weight, and he quickly overhauled Riot and Claymore, leaving Muscatel to tackle next. Plain Bill got to Muscatel about a quarter of a mile from home, and cries went up that the favorite would win; but Percy Johnson drew the fail on the Taraki mare, and it could be seen that Plain Bill had met a tough customer. When the pair rose at the last fence—a stiff hencoop spar—Muscatel had a slight advantage, and both riders rode for all they were worth, but Muscatel was not to be denied and drew away, winning comfortably by two lengths, with Claymore eight lengths away third. Riot was the only other horse to finish, both Retter (the rider of Tangaroa) and George Laing (who was on Troubadour) were carried in, but, beyond a severe shaking, they were none the worse for their mishaps, both getting about later in the day.

Tommy Scott not holding the necessary certificate for Kohure's qualification as a hunter, led to his withdrawal from the Hunters' Steeplechase, leaving four runners. Menaderva, with that successful young gentleman-rider, Mr. Nelson McRae up, found most favor on the machine, Coastguard being next in demand. The feature of the race was the fine jumping of all four horses, who negotiated the same fences as those used in the big Steeplechase in fine style. Menaderva and Coastguard alternately held command the first time round, and when they went down the course Menaderva showed the way, Frisco moving up into second place as they approached the water jump. Menaderva still led on going out into the Recreation Ground, coming out of which she was still in front of Scimitar. At the double in front of the stand all were together except Frisco, who was outpaced. Menaderva went away again down the back stretch, with Coastguard in pursuit. The latter reached Menaderva at the turn, and they raced together till the last jump, when Coastguard came down, leaving Menaderva to win very easily from Scimitar and Frisco. Mr. Harley, rider of Coastguard, fortunately escaped unhurt.

Pokomoko (9.0) was the only withdrawal from the Handicap Hurdles, leaving seven to compete. The good things said about Opai since going into Joe Prosser's hands had ardently impressed many, and he was sent out a very strong favorite, only a little longer price than even. After him, punters placed most reliance in Dummy, and the result went to show the public's estimation was a correct one. From a nice even despatch Dummy and Opai were in charge over the first jump, with Flirt on their quarters. Turning into the back stretch Klima momentarily displaced Dummy



MR. T. SCOTT'S B.G. PLAIN BILL (BY FLINTLOCK—FLORA McDONALD) WINNER OF GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE AT THE WANGANUI J.C. WINTER MEETING.

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who soon took up the running again, with Klimia, Opai, and Britannia close handy. Coming down the home straight Dummy and Opai were in command, with the top weight (Missfire) lying third. Dante being a long way out. Going round the back again, Dummy and Opai's superior pace began to tell a tale, and they gradually drew away from the rest of the field. Both horses were looked level as they came into the home turn, but Opai was not to be denied, and gradually drawing away won comfortably by two lengths, Missfire being third six lengths away.

It would be a farce to attempt to describe Alpine's win in the Hack Hurdles. Her only opponents were Cairo and Star King, both giving weight to Alpine, whose performances entitled them to receive weight from her. Alpine went right away with a strong lead, neither of the others getting within coo-ee of her at any part of the race. She cantered home in a ridiculously easy manner by six lengths.

Plain Bill, Prince Charlie, and Claymore were scratched for the Suburban Steeplechase, leaving only three to fight it out. Bradshaw, the winner of last year's big steeplechase, was served up a warm favorite, Barbarossa also having a good following. Barbarossa was quickest away, and led past the Stand from Bradshaw, old Cheque lying back. Going through the centre course Barbarossa still led from Bradshaw, old Cheque being a long way in the rear. Barbarossa went into the Recreation Ground with a strong lead, but by the time the double was reached Bradshaw had moved up alongside the leader, who blundered badly at the second jump of the double, but again went away from Bradshaw. He, however, hit the fence on entering the back of the course very heavily, Bob Arnott making a clever recovery and maintaining his lead. Bradshaw again moved up rounding the home turn, but failed to reach Barbarossa, who won comfortably by two lengths, Cheque finishing nowhere. Bob Arnott was loudly cheered on returning to scale for his clever horsemanship. Barbarossa inflicted a nasty gash on his off hind leg when he struck the fence.

Another small field of four contested the First Hack Flat, for which The Hempie, despite her heavy impost of 9.10 for a three-year-old, was made a hot favorite. Queen's Guard and Worry acted as pacemakers, The Hempie lying third. Down the back the speedy daughter of Sou'wester—Romp moved up, and going to the front at the home bend won most comfortably by two lengths from Worry, who was the same distance in front of Queen's Guard.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

[BY OUR DUNEDIN CORRESPONDENT.]

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 28.

We had a miserable day on Saturday for our races, consequently the attendance was very small, only £2,882 going through the totalisator. Belmont broke down in the Hurdles, or I fancy he would have won. They were a poor lot. Supplejack is a poor jumper, but with a bit of pace on the flat succeeded in winning.

Fulmen had rather an easy task in the Maiden, but he had nothing behind him.

Sequin looked all over a winner in the Birthday Handicap, but was collared by Starshot on nearing home and beaten by a short head. Starshot had been looked on as a non-starter, but appears to have come to life on Thursday. She is reported to be the property of a well-known Christchurch bookmaker. Pitch and Toss appears to have lost the form she displayed in the Dunedin Cup, as she tired plainly at the finish.

Barmby was made favorite for the Welter, but Vandyke had rather an easy win from the old horse.

Hippocrates had a comfortable victory in the Selling Race, and was bought back by his owner for only £50.

Arline showed what a good mare she is by winning the Tradesmen's Handicap, with Maremma a fair second. There was some trouble about Arline drawing the weight, and it was not until several minutes had elapsed that the backers looked for the magic word "right" was declared. A protest, however, was entered, and, strange to say, the Press representatives were refused admission. It transpired afterwards that the committee of the Dunedin Jockey Club, at their last monthly meeting, rescinded the resolution admitting representatives to an enquiry. I need hardly say it has given much dissatisfaction, and is another of those peculiar and unaccountable actions of the club. The enquiry was adjourned till 8 o'clock on Saturday night, the Press representatives still being excluded, consequently only the bare results of the enquiry are procurable. The protest was dismissed, but the following strange resolution was passed: "That the stewards are of opinion that as the clerk of the scales states that the rider of Arline weighed in correctly, and that he declared it to be so, which fact was corroborated by several witnesses, they must dismiss the protest. They wish, however, to express their strong disapprobation that Mr Fleming, as the owner of Arline and a steward of long experience, should have committed the grave impropriety of touching the scales." This speaks for itself. The fact of touching the scales is thus very slightly passed over.

Plotter won the Auction Stakes, and was bought in for £16.

Messrs Stephenson and Hazlett submitted their horses for sale by auction this (Tuesday) morning, but as there were no buyers no sales were effected.

I learn to-night that Mr McGuinness, the owner of Maremma, second horse to Arline, has appealed against the decision of the Dunedin Jockey Club regarding the case, and I may here state that at the enquiry there was only a bare quorum present. Mr Fleming was present, but did not vote. I regret that our worthy president, the Hon. G. McLean, was absent, as he only left for Australia on a trip a few days ago.

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Racing Results.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH.

The attendance was not quite so good as on Queen's Birthday, but the racing was interesting and speculation brisk. The following are the results:—

WINTER OATS.	
Light	1
Surrey	2
Crusoe	3
Time, 2m. 46 2-5secs.	Dividend, £1 13s.

SECOND HURDLES.	
Torpina	1
Dante	2
Missfire	3

Scratched—Dummy.

Time, 4min 12sec. Dividend, £4 10s.

GRANDSTAND STEEPLCHASE.	
Plain Bill	1
Claymore	2
Riot	3

Scratched—Muscatel and Flirt.

Time, 5min 31 3-5sec. Dividend, £3 6s.

HUNTERS' HURDLES.	
Cloister	1
Frisco	2
Vigil	3

Time, 4min 16 3-5sec. Dividend, £2 3s.

HACK HURDLES.	
Alpine	1
Cairo	2
Spearshot	3

Time, 3min 3 1-5sec. Dividend, £2 7s.

FINAL STEEPLCHASE.	
Bradshaw	1
Tally-ho	2

Scratched—Claymore and Redberry.

Dividend, £4 18s.

FINAL HACK.	
Capture	1
Worry	2
Discount	3

Dividend, £12 7s.

OTAKI MAORI R.C. HACK MEETING.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 24TH.

The attendance numbered about 3,000, and the sum of £6270 passed through the machines. The following are the results:—

TRIAL HURDLES, one mile and a half	
Marma	1
Volta	2
Wharipo	3

Time, 3m. 17 1-5s. Dividend, £4 12s.

MAIDEN PLATE, six furlongs.	
Tupuhei	1
Valley	2
Anita	3

Time, 1m. 20s. Dividend, £2 9s.

CUP, one mile and three furlongs.	
Bush Rose	1
Ruby Twist	2
Singsong	3

Time, 1m. 30 1-5s. Dividend, £5 17s.

BIRTHDAY HURDLES, one mile and sixty-five chains	
Marma	1
Nayborn	2
Pyrites	3

Time, 3m. 36 2-5s. Dividend, £3 13s.

CHAMPION STAKES, one mile.	
Oracle	1
Rubin	2
Pistol Grip	3

Time, 1m. 49 1-5s. Dividend, £4 15s.

WELTER, seven furlongs.	
Tupuhei	1
Rodara	2
Swordfish	3

Time, 1m. 36 2-5s. Dividend, £3.

FLYING, six furlongs.	
Singsong	1
Guardfish	2
Whario	3

Time, 1m. 18 2-5s. Dividends—Singsong, £9 12s.; Guardfish, £2 15s.

Inter-Provincial.

[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

CANTERBURY.

The C.T.C.'s Meeting—Fritz—The Free-for-All Race—George M. Patchen—Starshot well backed in Christchurch.

CHRISTCHURCH, May 24.

Rain fell in torrents just before the start of the first race on Queen's Birthday, and at its conclusion the Stewards held a meeting to consider the question whether to postpone remaining events. It was decided to go on, and as rain fell heavily all the afternoon the course was a mass of mud and water. The riders had a bad time, and at close of the races it was difficult to distinguish them. They wore top coats and mackintoshes, and one rider came out attired in a sack. He created a great deal of amusement, and when he won the Victoria Handicap there was great cheering. There was a large attendance, but the Club will lose over to-day.

In the Free-for-All Race Fritz gave a splendid exhibition of trotting, and never gave his opponents a chance. He took the lead at the start and won easily by one hundred yards. He never broke once. Monte Carlo was the second to finish, just in front of St. Louis, Hake last. Time, 20 1/2sec. for the mile. Buckland drove his champion, and both rider and horse came in for a ovation at the finish.

Final heat of the Juvenile Stakes was considered a good thing for Crossar's colt George M. Patchen. But he could not be got going in first quarter of a mile, and Plan, by Specification—Black Agnes, who trotted very steadily, won by fifty yards from the favourite, with Director third. Time, 3min. 3 3/4sec.

The other races attracted large fields, but the bad state of the course was against the horses, the majority of whom could not get going in the mid.

Although George M. Patchen did not win the Juvenile Stakes I am strongly of opinion that he could beat Plan five times out of six.

Buckland's colt What is also a smart youngster. The opinion of the best judges here is that he and George M. Patchen are the fastest two-year-olds seen in New Zealand. Crossar was anxious to get a match between his colt and What, but as Mr Buckland leaves in June it could not be arranged.

A full sister to George M. Patchen, three years old, was passed in at Tattersall's on Saturday at 30sovs.

Starshot was well backed here for the Birthday Handicap at Dunedin—in fact, backers succeeded in spotting nearly all the winners on the first day.

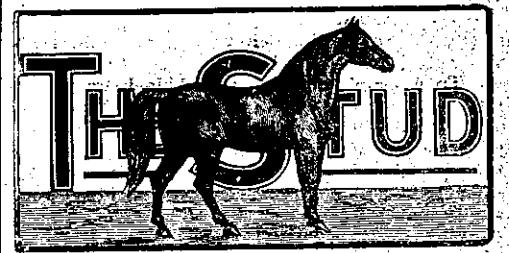
At the meeting of the Committee of the Canterbury Trotting Club on Saturday evening the question of the Free-for-all Race on Tuesday's programme of the Club's Meeting was considered. It was decided that if all the horses which were entered, except Fritz, were withdrawn—as it was understood would be the case—the Club would give Fritz full stakes for the race, and would give a substantial stake for a special scratch race for other horses. Under these circumstances Mr Buckland promised to send Fritz against the Australian mile record (his own), assisted, if necessary, by a galloping horse. However, the owner of the Hake refused to be bound by understanding, and expressed his determination to start his horse, with the result that others also determined to take part in the race, and the Committee's intentions were frustrated.

At the annual meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club last week Mr G. G. Stead (Treasurer) referred to the charge made against the Club that larger owners benefitted at the expense of the smaller. He pointed out that since the inauguration of classic races, five years ago, owners had contributed £13,083 in entries, acceptances, etc. In return for which £13,424 was paid back to them by the Club, so that owners in these races had paid 71 per cent. of the money they won in handicaps. In minor races during the five years owners contributed £17,423, for which they received £58,519 from the Club—or equal to 293-4 per cent.

Mr F. C. Tabart, who has acted as Hon. Judge for ten years, was elected a life member, and voted a sum of one hundred guineas. Mr Tabart has now resigned the position of Judge.

The Cup, value one hundred guineas, presented by Mr Stead, will be added to the N.Z. Cup. The profit made by the Club during the past year was £1,169.

D. O'Brien brought the two-year-old colt Lepanto, Corinth—Nonsense, at Tattersall's on Saturday for thirty-five guineas and also a trotting mare, by General Tracey—Southern Queen for thirty-five guineas. The trotting stallion Mambrino Mac, by Berlin, was sold for thirty-one guineas, and a mare by Mambrino Mac for thirty-six guineas.



MR H. ROBINSON'S BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT AT TE AUTE.

[BY OUR NAPIER CORRESPONDENT.]

The owner of that brace of good racers, Te Hapuka and Pistol Grip, whose black and gold jacket they have carried well to the fore lately, invited me up the other week to have a jaunt round his premises, an invite which I was only too happy to avail myself of one day last week. "Send me a note when you are coming, and I will meet you with the trap at the station," was the homely way he put it. I sent the note, and he met me all right, and we were soon en route. The first port of call, was a good roomy paddock, which bore evidence of the extra fine weather that we have been favored with in this district for months past, and which has had a detrimental effect upon stock generally. Owing to this the mares and youngsters did not look any too brilliant upon it. Located here were—A chestnut yearling colt by Burlington from Jessie, a mare by Baldeworth, who won a few races for Mr W. Broughton, the Omaha breeder, two or three years ago. The colt has a hard wear and tear look about him, though he has a lot of daylight under him. His sire has stamped him in his white markings like another son of his in Vogengang. Music, the four-year-old full sister to Pistol Grip, whom she greatly resembles in color and conformation, is accompanied by a chestnut filly by the Albany sire, who should develop into a good sort of mare, as she has heaps of pleasant points about her. Burlington has also another descendant present in a yearling bay colt out of a full sister to the steeplechaser Coast-guard. He is one of the chunky sort, with legs and feet that look as if they would stand a lot of working upon. His dam is one of the roomy description, with a rather coarse appearance. She has been mated with Orion's Belt this season, and ought to throw something nice to Castor's gentlemanly-looking son. A two-year-old bay gelding from her by a trotting sire does not strike the eye as anything marvellous—that is to say, from a racing point of view—but he will doubtless be able to earn his oats in some other vocation, and that's more than some of the present race-path competitors could do if they tried. A chestnut horse by Patriarch from a Pacific mare, is looked upon favorably by her owner, for Pistol Grip's dam, who unfortunately last year went the way of all flesh, was bred on somewhat similar lines, and in the fullness of time her pairing with Marbini-Enfield may, so he fondly hopes, result in something like the big, determined, game, and speedy Pistol Grip. I sincerely hope that results will turn out as he anticipates them. First Flash threw a good one in First Blood, and here is a half-brother to him by Musket's grandson, Mystical. He is a rising two-year-old bay, with black points, and favors his sire a good deal. His granddam on his mother's side, Luna, was a veritable sheet anchor when she was racing in the genial Patsy Bytler's colors in years gone by, and as he combines two strains of the Musket blood, with Traducer and Yattendon interlaced, he ought to prove a source of profit to his owner. Mystical has another son here in a whole bay, rising two years, from a mare by Ingomar. He does not display so much quality as the other representative of Mystical, being decidedly plain in comparison with him, but oft times the ugly duckling turns out the best at the finish. That may, perchance be his lot, but I have my doubts about it, and I will stand First Flash's son to be the best of the Mystical brace. Robinson Crusoe's son, Quilt, is responsible for an evenly-mated, well put-together, two-year-old chestnut filly from the Painter mare Scylla. The Robinson Crusoe-Painter nick in the first degree gave us Bolianger, and it is only reasonable to anticipate that, with an extra strengthening of this strain, favorable results should ensue; that is why I lean to the chances of this good-looking filly, who would be greatly improved had not her fore legs got a nasty sort of twist in them.

Having got through with the lot depastured here, a ride of a couple of miles brought us to the home paddocks, where I was introduced to another Quilt filly, likewise a chestnut from the Albany mare, Watercolour, dam of Te Hapuka. This filly is cast on much larger lines than the other offspring of Quilt, and should be able to gallop, possessed as she is of all the attributes that go to form the essential points of a mover. A diminutive son of the Apremont horse General Thornton (whose half-brother Lochiel has not so far produced a bad one) from the Traducer mare Virginia Water, next claims consideration. He is a rising two-year-old bay, with black points, and is a nice little picture of a horse, but the worst of it is that weight does tell its tale very rapidly on these small fellows as a general rule, and you can't always expect to get at the tail end of the handicap. Still, he may prove useful if properly placed, which I contend is the main essential in racing matters.

"A look at Martini-Enfield and then we will have dinner," is my companion's next remark. This double has rather a pleasant sound, for when you are not used to the fresh, appetising country air you feel as if you could hardly remember when you had your last meal, and besides, I was anxious to see Musket's son. He is certainly not a whole team and a dog under the wagon to look at, but it must be remembered that he is no juvenile, and the stress of age has a depressing effect upon all grades of nature; still, he has proved his ability to get a good one in Pistol Grip, and with judicious mating he may, ere he passes in his checks, produce others of a like nature.

Having satisfied the inner man, a look at Turquoise filled in the time till the mares from an adjoining paddock were brought into close quarters. Tubal Cain's twenty-year-old black son, who by the way does not form a part of Mr Robinson's stud, looks hearty and well for an ancient, and as he is being well fed and carefully attended to be should be in good form by the time next season arrives. A good combination of blood he has permeating his veins, for his grandaure, Tredagh, was a son of the famous Wild Dayrell, while through his dam Fireworks, Maribyrnong, and Stockwell strains crop up. Close at hand were now the other brood mares. Watercolor, Scylla, Tauhei (by Henchman, Robinson Crusoe's brother), and Kie Kie, all in foal to Somnus, the former of whom, though nearly twenty years old, looks as if she was good for several years to come. Attended by a chestnut yearling colt by Burlington is a chestnut Gladiolus mare, whose visit to Martini-Enfield has not been without effect judging by her appearance. Her son is not a bad stamp of a youngster, despite the fact that he has got those ragged-looking hips that are emblematical of Gladiolus's produce. Situated in another paddock about a mile distant, which had to be negotiated on foot, were Petrel (by Martini-Enfield from Watercolor), who is in foal to Orion's Belt, and Ripple (by St. Leger from Foam, whose half-sister, Fame, gave us that good one, Dudu, to Somnus), who has also formed one of Orion's Belt's harem this season with beneficial results. This daughter of St. Leger is the beau ideal of a brood matron, and her acquisition by Mr Robinson should prove good business. A two-year old gelded son of Ripple, by Mystical, gives promise of developing into a good stamp of a horse, endowed as he is with splendid quarters, back, fore-arms, and rattling good legs and feet, surmounted by a strong, masculine, determined head. Te Hapuka's half-brother by the Traducer sire Le Loup finishes up this lot. A five-year-old chestnut, he showed good promise upon the training track, but he had to succumb to the ordeal of preparation. He gave me a taste of his quality by spurring round the enclosure in great style, and from what I saw of him I should imagine it would be quite possible to get him to stand up to his toil again. Castor's bonny son, Orion's Belt, was the last item on the bill of fare, and right well he looks, having thickened out greatly since his retirement from the race track. He has been very successful in this (his first) essay at stud life, all of the mares who have paid their respects to him being in foal. He, like all the other inmates of the establishment, shows the kindness and care of their guardian by exemplary conduct, none of them showing the slightest particle of fractiousness. With many wishes for good luck and future prosperity, I bade my kind and obliging host good-bye, with a promise that when the produce of Orion's Belt came to light I should again pay a visit to the Aute breeding quarters.

AROUND THE ELLERSLIE STABLES.

MR A. C. CAULTON'S.

The heavy weather of the past week prevented an extended ramble round the Ellerslie Stables, but in the course of our wanderings we called upon Mr Alick Caulton, whose boxes afford shelter to that sterling bit of horseflesh, Porangi Potae. The usual cheery greeting awaited us, and going at once to business, we found the young trainer hard at work upon a big raking brown mare, known to the public as Katoomba. This mare is an aged daughter of Telford (Musket-Pungawerewere) and a Kingfisher mare. Katoomba is destined for the jumping business, and is a fine, lengthy, upstanding animal, though perhaps not as well ribbed up as we like to see in jumping classes. In show ground contests we find that Katoomba has a first-class record. That the mare can stand hard work is proved by her splendid set of legs, and as Canlon, junr., has had Katoomba schooling over Ellerslie fences in company with the Gisborne horse Charcoal, and got over in fine style, it is safe to predict that we shall hear of Telford's daughter in the near future.

An old friend of the racing public comes next in The Sharper, a black gelding by Kalo (Yattendon-Gipsy Girl). The veteran black is just now in great heart, and we fancy we detect a smile of confidence upon the face of his trainer as he speaks of coming events. The Sharper is not one of the handiest horses in the land, but handsome as is handsome does. With plenty of pace and great jumping abilities, he should pay his oat bill before long, though the chances are against his owner ever getting such a big dividend chance (£200) as upon a former occasion, when he was beaten by a neck.

The queen of the establishment comes next in Porangi Potae, the well-known bay daughter of Castor and Madcap. Not a big one by any means this Porangi, but every bit of her is useful. With a good constitution, a good set of legs, and no lumber to carry, Madcap's honest daughter causes her trainer but little trouble. We unfortunately saw the little mare at a bad time, as she had not recovered from the effects of a slight chill incurred at Takapuna on Saturday last; but still there could not have been much amiss, as she was full of life, and inclined to be very playful with her hind feet, but as her mentor said, "it

was all play." Madcap, the dam of Porangi Potae, was bred at the Glasgow Stud Farm in 1873, and was purchased by the late Sir Hercules Robinson for the Auckland Stud Company at the late Mr Blenkinsop's sale in 1880. She was by Trumpeter (Orlando-Cavatina) from a daughter of Young Melbourne (son of Clarissa) and Maid of Masham, by Don John from Miss Lydia, by Belshazzar. This breeding is hard to beat, and when her racing career is over Porangi should earn fame as a stud matron. Being sound in wind and limb, there is lots of racing in front of Castor's honest daughter, and it may be that we shall have the pleasure of recording a good win for the owner of the "all rose pink" before many weeks pass by. Such a win would be decidedly popular, for both Caulton, senr., and Caulton, junr., are favorites. These are the only animals in training in the Caulton stables just now, and after a look around, and an inspection of some horse pictures, we journeyed on to the establishment presided over by

MR ROBERT HALL.

At present Mr. Hall, who, by the way, is a capable cross-country horseman, has but two horses in full work, and three others doing the free-and-easy business. The first animal to come under notice was the well-known mare Korowai, by Hotchkiss from Mantilla, by Anteros from Matana, by Goldsborough from Seabreeze, by The Barb from Mermaid, by Fisherman (imp.) from Sweetheart, by Red Hart. On the score of breeding, Korowai stands second to no animal in New Zealand, as on the dam's side she runs back to some of the most famous and most valued lines in Australia, while the Hotchkiss and Anteros blood needs no praise at our hands. That Korowai can "gallop some" is proved by her three wins over the Avondale course. Just now her trainer has her very well, and ere these lines appear, the public will have seen her at Takapuna. At first glance Korowai appears to be on the small side, but this is not so, as she stands fully 15.1, and is a powerful mare when viewed from behind. Her legs are of the best, and being blessed with a nice even temper, she causes her trainer but little anxiety. After her racing career is over Korowai should make a valuable brood mare.

The aptly-named jumper, Itch, comes next, and he is a useful looking customer. By The Mute from Scratch is his breeding, and on the sire's side it is O.K., for The Mute was by Fireworks (son of Kelpie) from Fenella, who was a full-sister to the famous Maribyrnong. Itch is trained upon the same principle as the Gisborne horse Charcoal, viz., by having the run of the paddock during the day time. Itch may not be a brilliant animal, but he certainly looks like a cut and come again sort.

Running in a paddock near the stables was a slashing chestnut yearling by Hotchkiss from Pandora. This youngster is highly thought of by both owner and trainer. A brown two-year-old by Blairgowrie from Pandora keeps the chestnut company, but the brown is not in the same street as the chestnut in either shape or make. Like most of the Blairgowrie tribe, she is light-fleshed and narrow to follow; yet they race in all shapes, and it may be that this brown will show us some of the great pace of her sire.

The last to come under notice is a brown gelding named Reaction, by Blairgowrie from Repproach, a mare who is a half-sister to St. Paul's dam, Satanella. A twist in the off fore leg gives Reaction a most comical appearance when moving fast, yet we are told he can gallop all right. As he is well known to racegoers, nothing further need be said about Reaction. Although numerically Mr Hall's string is not a strong one, he has some good stuff to work on, and we hope it will not be long ere he leads in a winner. Everything connected with the stable is kept in apple-pie order. Indeed, this seems (unlike many more pretentious places in the other colonies), seems to be the rule around Ellerslie.

BIG PRICES FOR CHEAP HORSES.

[BY PETRONEL.]

With a section of the community it is generally the fashion to put a man down as a little bit cracked if he invests large sums of money in juvenile horseflesh, and in many another way to discourage the pluck, enterprise, and perseverance which invariably characterise the English-speaking sportsman. There can be no doubt that a lot of courage is required at yearling sales. When a horse has proved its worth upon the Turf capital alone is necessary, but the purchaser of yearlings requires the possession of more qualifications than a deep purse. By way of proof that high-priced youngsters are not always failures at the racing game, and that men who bid high for young bloodstock are not "cranks," I cull from Memory's store-box a few notable cases which may be interesting to New Zealanders.

That celebrated mare, La Fleche, was the first to raise the ire of irk-spillers, who, with tiresome iteration, declaimed against the "madness" of high prices for yearlings. Certainly there was nothing in the appearance of La Fleche when she entered the sale ring at Hampton Court to warrant a big figure, but the blood was there. Being by St. Simon-Quiver, the latter a sister in blood to Musket, La Fleche was full sister to Memoir, who, in 1890, carried His Grace of Portland's "black and white" to victory in the Oaks and Leger. Memoir cost a thousand guineas as a yearling, and so fond was the Duke of the "family," that he started the bidding for La Fleche at 3,000 guineas. But there were other Richmonds in the field, and the late Colonel North, Mr Douglas Baird, and Lord Marcus Beresford—on behalf of the late Baron Hirsch—were all prepared to go a bit higher. After spirited bidding the "scarecrow," as some irreverent ones termed the filly, La Fleche was secured by Baron Hirsch for 5,500 guineas. This was the highest price ever obtained at that time

for a yearling in England. The world's record was then held by America, where a yearling whose name I forget was sold for £7,500. We all know how La Fleche performed on the Turf. She won the One Thousand Guineas, The Oaks, and Leger during her three-year-old career, and very nearly beat Sir Hugo for the Derby. Her great victory in the Cambridgeshire Handicap will long be remembered, especially by the book-makers, who were "hit" to the tune of nearly £50,000 by the stable connections. Sir Tatton Sykes had the first refusal of La Fleche when her racing career should be ended for £10,000. I think that offer was cancelled afterwards; and all the world is aware that the Yorkshire stud-master became the owner of the famous mare at the big price of 12,500 guineas, against his will.

High in the roll of men not afraid to give big money for high class blood-stock, the name of Sir Blundell Maple must ever have place. He has been rewarded for his pluck by many victories, but his ambition to lead in a Derby winner of his own breeding is as yet unfulfilled. The perseverance of the Squire of Childwickbury must ultimately be regarded with favour by that fickle jade, Dame Fortune, for "everything comes to the man who knows how to wait" and Sir Blundell, in striving to attain his object, has shown that he possesses patience enough for anything. Amongst the yearlings for which Sir Blundell Maple paid high prices may be mentioned—Priestess, 4000gns, who won several good races and more than paid her way, and Siffleuse, 1000gns, a winner of the One Thousand Guineas, the Yorkshire Oaks, and some good handicaps. It was at the Doncaster yearling sales in 1891 that Sir Blundell beat the English record by giving 6000gns for a colt by St Simon—Plaisanterie. Plaisanterie was a French mare, who, by winning the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire Handicaps of 1885, caused heaps of money to be taken across the English Channel from "perfidious Albion's" bookmakers. The ring got a severe blow by the dual victory of the French mare who, as some of the journals of that country said, had done something to avenge Waterloo! The colt Sir Blundell Maple bought was a first foal, and was named Childwick, after his owner's stud-farm in Hertfordshire. As a two-year, Childwick never raced; by some it was said, because his constitution was not sound, by others, because he was being kept to knock spots out of the three-year-olds. He did nothing till the Ascot Meeting of '93, when he ran third in the Prince of Wales Stakes. In the autumn, however, he met and defeated the Duke of Westminster's crack, Orme, and afterwards won a good race at Derby. Next year he won the Cesarewitch, taking the popular long-distance handicap from a field of twenty two, and paying the nice price of twenty to one. He was well backed by his party for this race, so, though, Sir Blundell had to wait some little time to get his 6000gns back, when they came, they were not unattended. It may be worthy of note here to mention, that Childwick, during his racing career, was stated to very closely resemble the Flying Dutchman in colour and in contour. At the close of '94, Childwick's racing was over, and he now does duty at the stud. Kirkconnell, by Royal

Hampson—Sweet Sauce, was another high priced colt purchased by Sir Blundell Maple. He gave 5300gns for the youngster which won the Two Thousand Guineas, but failed in the Derby, of '95 for which he was fancied by his owner and trainer. Raconteur, who was the first favourite for the latter event, was a full-brother to Childwick, and was bought as a yearling for 3000gns. As a two-year old he won a couple of races worth £2000, so he could not be pronounced a dear horse. For one thing alone, the name of Sir Blundell Maple will ever be memorable in the annals of English racing. He, by giving £15,000 for Common, prevented the expatriation of the hero of the "Triple Crown," when the Hungarian and German Government stud agents were anxious to buy. Though the sum was large, Common's stud fees for 1895 amounted to £22,000, and this, with the owner's right to send sixteen of his own mares to the horse, makes it plain that the deal was anything but unprofitable. Several of Common's youngsters have realised good prices, and I hear that there is a likelihood of some of them proving their "Sterling" worth when it comes to racing.

I might cover more space than is at my command if I were to enumerate all the older horses which have brought big prices, but this week, at any rate, I must be content with mentioning a few that occur to me. Iconomy, the sire of both Common and Isinglass, both "Triple Crown" victors was purchased by the late Mr Sterling Crawford for 6000gns. Sainfoin, the winner of the Derby in 1890, was offered to Baron Hirsch, who did not care about the deal. Sir James Miller afterwards bought him for 7500gns, with the condition of half the stakes if the colt won the Derby, which he did about two months afterwards. Abington Baird gave 8800gns for Busybody who won the Oaks. Busybody was the dam of Meddler, for whom an adventurous American planked down 75,000 dollars! Finally, I will note that the astute Robert Peck gave £10,000 for Doncaster, and sold the Derby winner of 1873 at a profit of £4000 to the Duke of Westminster. The latter transaction was looked upon as rather a ducal absurdity by some at the time, but Robert Peck and the Duke of Westminster are not the men to make a mistake about a horse, and results have proved them both wise men in the matter of the buying and selling of Doncaster.

NOMINATIONS.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

JUNE 4 AND 6.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE, about two miles and a half.—Playboy, Reindeer, St. Hiko, Barbarossa, Troubadour, Tally-Ho, Great Britain, Itch, Glenarm, Atlantic, Menadava, Katoomba, The Sinner, The Trifler, Voltigeur II., Clonmel.

WINTER WELTER, one mile.—Light, Kanaka, Favona, Lady Helena, Coronet, Fair Nell, Crusade, Rubin, Taplow, Indian Shot, Korowai, Sylvia Park, Merry Maid, Anita, Miss Anna, Crusoe, St. Kilda, Record Reign, The Needle, Bonnie Blue, Doneraile, Supplejack, Three Star, Pinepinetekura, Castashore, Panopoly.

SELLING STEEPLECHASE, about three miles.—Magpie £40, Gingaleen II, Ballyhooley £40, Redberry £40, Glenarm III, Bombardier III, Charcoal III.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Honesty, Fairy, Glenora, Reindeer, St. Hiko, Dodo, Barbarossa, The Saint, Atalanta, Thelma, Great Britain, Miss-shot, Opai, Torpina, South Pacific, King of the Gipsies, Anita, The Sharper, The Trifler, Carbuncle, Antares, Yattenfeldt, Lufra, Seabreeze.

PONY HURDLES, one mile and a half.—Libeller, Leona, Fairy, Napoleon, Little Wonder, Dot, The Major, Brigitte, The Sneak, Nanny, Bob, Maungakawa, Recruit, Amiable, Presentment, Merry Kate.

SECOND MAIDEN HURDLES, one mile and a half.—Maid of Honor, Honesty, Kanaka, Playboy, Reindeer, St. Hiko, Dodo, Barbarossa, The Saint, Atalanta, Thelma, Great Britain, Miss-shot, Voltigeur II, The Major, Glenarm, Opai, Torpina, South Pacific, King of the Gipsies, Anita, The Sharper, Carbuncle, Lufra, Antares, Seabreeze, Yattenfeldt, Voltigeur.

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HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Klima, Dante, Atalanta, Thelma, Atlantic, Missfire, Nor-West, Opou, Anita, Dummy, Seabreeze.

TALY-HO STEEPLECHASE, about two miles and a half.—Glenora, Reindeer, St. Hiko, Barbarossa, The Saint, Tally-ho, Great Britain, Itch, Glenarm, Bombardier, Miss Nelson, Katoomba, The Sinner, The Trifler, Flukem, Carbuncle, Kapai, Levanter, Voltigeur, Charcoal, Consort.

SECOND WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Try Me, Brigham Young, Light, Kanaka, Favona, Brilliant, Lady Helena, Coronet, Lufra, Fair Nell, Crusade, Rubin, Anita, Taplow, Indian Shot, Korowai, Sylvia Park, Ruru, Miss Anna, Crusoe, St. Elmo, St. Kilda, Record Reign, Bonnie Blue, The Needle, Donnybrook, Antares, Doneraile, The Drone, Supplejack, Blairina, Three Star, Pinepinetekura, Castashore, Panopoly.

ACCEPTANCES.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

JUNE 4 AND 6.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE, two miles.

Table with columns for horse names and odds (st lb) for the Grand National Hurdle Race.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE, about three miles and a half.

Table with columns for horse names and odds (st lb) for the Great Northern Steeplechase.

HANDICAPS.

TAKAPUNA J.C. WINTER MEETING.

MAY 28.

HACK HANDICAP, seven furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names and odds (st lb) for the Hack Handicap.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.

Table with columns for horse names and odds (st lb) for the Second Handicap Hurdles.

BRITANNIA HANDICAP, one mile.

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SECOND PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs.

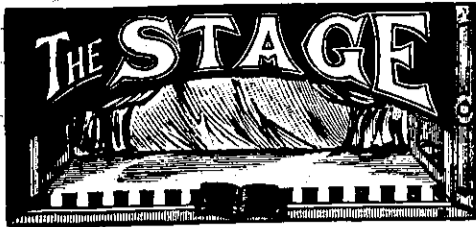
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VICTORIA HANDICAP, six furlongs.

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WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.

Table with columns for horse names and odds (st lb) for the Welter Handicap.



[BY ORPHEUS.]

OPERA HOUSE: MR FRANK THORNTON.—“Sweet Lavender,” Piner’s most skilful blending of pathos, humor, and idyllic beauty—revived after a lapse of some seven years—once more charmed large audiences on Thursday and Friday evenings. Mr Thornton’s Dick Phenyl is a masterly study of a strikingly original conception. A brilliant, yet briefless, barrister; a career broken by one terrible weakness, drink; the instincts of a true gentleman and a noble heart bursting like a young oak through the acorn shell of inebriety; the preternatural acuteness of a keen intellect in its lucid intervals of sobriety; modesty, meekness, and penitence contrasted with reckless despair, intellectual arrogance, and conscious power, yet all controlled by an unselfish and affectionate nature. Add to this complex character a rich vein of kindly irony and humor, both robust and delicate, and you have a rough but inadequate analysis of what Mr Thornton’s Dick Phenyl is composed. Taking the other characters in programme order, Mr Fred. Shepherd’s Geoffrey Wedderburn is a fine impersonation of a difficult and not very attractive role; his Lancashire burr is perfect. Mr A. Cochrane plays Clement Holt in quiet and gentlemanly fashion, winning all sympathies. Mr George Rowlands hits off the irrepressible Horace Breen, with his strong American twang and incessant patter, very successfully. Mr Carey is a benevolent and kindly Dr Delaney. Mr E. Haygarth is capital as the love-lorn hairdresser, Boiger. Mr Maw, the druggist, is faithfully impersonated by Mr W. J. Townsend. As Mrs Gilfillian, the fashionable and worldly-wise matron, Miss Elsie Carew is admirable, the change of disposition wrought by misfortune being a most artistic bit of work. Miss Florence Poole is lively and fascinating as Minnie Gilfillian. Miss Meta Pelham makes Ruth Holt perhaps somewhat too consistently lachrymose, but, nevertheless, wins sympathy throughout. Miss Clare Manfield, in the title role, scores her success of the season, playing with genuine pathos and winning grace and simplicity. Besides a dainty and charming appearance, she displayed emotional power far beyond her previous efforts.

“THE BOOKMAKER” was produced on Saturday evening to a capital house, and the new piece immediately jumped into high favor. It is full of go, witty epigrams, and studded with strong situations. Mr Frank Thornton’s wonderful versatility is again displayed in a character totally distinct from any of his previous roles. Joseph Trent, the metallician, who unexpectedly inherits a baronetcy, combines the slangy dialect and uncouth manners of the average “bookie” with the good feeling and generosity of one of Nature’s noblemen. His heart of gold reminds one of Tennyson’s lines—“Kind hearts are more than coronets, and simple faith than Norman blood.” Anything more delightfully quaint, funny, and characteristic in the horsey line than Sir Joseph has never trod the boards. Space will not allow of even an outline of the capital plot or a selection of the many telling quips noted for quotation. “The Bookmaker” will rank with “The Private

Secretary,” “Dick Phenyl,” and “Charley’s Aunt,” as the best in Mr Thornton’s repertoire, and the play will hold its own with those doughty rivals. Splendid support is given by Mr Fred. Shepherd (Earl of Harborough), a dignified nobleman in difficulties; Lord Burleigh, a scampish and unscrupulous aristocrat (Mr G. Rowlands, who does not quite discard Horace Breen’s Yankee twang); Lord Maidment (Mr W. J. Townsend, who struggles manfully with a role somewhat out of his best line); Mr A. Cochrane, whose Hon. Jack Carew is excellently played; Mr E. Haygarth, who infuses genuine dry humor into Mortmain, the Earl’s solicitor; Bubbles, a splendid sketch of an old and odd family butler, by Mr George Carey; Lady Jessie, a sporting and sportive young lady, by Miss Clare Manfield; Sybil Hardwicke, a charming, lovable, and spiritual damsel, by Miss Madge Corcoran; and Polly, a bigamous adventuress, superbly played by Miss Elsie Carew. “The Bookmaker” was again a brilliant success on Monday evening, and Mr Thornton’s enjoyable and successful season closed on Tuesday with “The Private Secretary,” staged again in compliance with numerous bespeaks. The company is now undertaking a short tour through the country to Wms. What a rare treat for our Thames, Coromandel, and Waikato readers!

AUCKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY.—The performance of Williams’s “Last Night at Bethany” and Cowen’s “Transfiguration” drew the customary packed houses. Both sacred cantatas may be described as solemn, chaste, and impressive works, containing much scholarly writing for both orchestra and singers, but rather lacking in individuality. It is, perhaps, somewhat too much of a good thing for the average audience to listen to two decidedly churchy compositions in one evening, and in future the selectors would give more pleasure, when choosing a double bill, by contrasting the lively and gay with the severe and grave. Both band and chorus mustered in large force. The band, led by that accomplished violinist Mons. Willimoff, on the whole played very well indeed, and the chorus displayed good attack, volume, and tune. The voices were well balanced numerically, save that a few more tenors would have improved the ensemble. Still, the nine tenors made up, in quality and volume of voice, for their numerical shortcomings. The solos in both cantatas were taken by Miss Marion Taylor (soprano), Miss Minnie Lye (contralto), Mr J. Ferriday (tenor), and Mr W. Musker (basso). Miss Taylor has a clear and full soprano voice, but is inclined to sing sharp, a blemish which will doubtless disappear when she has become accustomed to singing with an orchestra. Miss Minnie Lye, although not gifted with a powerful voice, sang with true dramatic instinct and faultless intonation the many and somewhat broken recitatives allotted to the contralto. Mr J. Ferriday was not in his best voice, but struggled manfully against hoarseness, and sang with much individuality and precision—“Who Would Not Fear Thee” being splendidly rendered. Mr W. Musker sang correctly, but was handicapped by having to render both baritone and bass music. His best effort was “Fear Not,” delivered with much dramatic force and fire. Herr Professor Carl Schmitt kept his forces under control with his wonted tact and efficiency. Miss Yates (at the piano) and Mrs S. Jackson (at the organ) rendered valuable assistance. Haydon’s immortal “Creation” will be put in rehearsal on the 31st inst. This magnificent oratorio always arouses enthusiasm among the members, who will doubtless ensure a good performance by attending rehearsals and working *con amore*.



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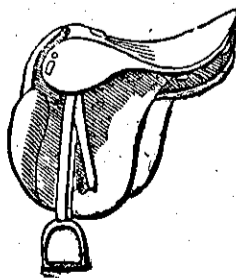
On Wednesday next acceptances are due for the following events in connection with the North New Zealand Grand National Meeting:—Maiden Handicap Steeplechase, 2 sovs; Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 2 sovs; Winter Welter Handicap, 2 sovs; Pony Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov.

To-day (Thursday) weights for the following events in connection with the North New Zealand Grand National Meeting should see the light:—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap, Winter Welter Handicap, Handicap Maiden Hurdles, Pony Hurdles Handicap.

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TROTTERING CALENDAR.

Table with columns: FIXTURES, NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, ACCEPTANCES. Lists dates and events.

CANTERBURY TROTTERING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

[BY OUR CANTERBURY CORRESPONDENT.]

What was undoubtedly the biggest trotting meeting ever held in New Zealand was begun at the Show Grounds on Thursday last under the auspices of the Canterbury Trotting Club.

In the first race on the card Mr J. A. Buckland, of New South Wales, scored his first win on New Zealand soil, his bay mare Sunshine, three years, by Vanderve, scr., winning by over a hundred yards from Pearl Marie, 14sec.

An Australian-bred pony, Aileen, 12sec, won the Pony Handicap, two miles, by forty yards from Skipper, 30sec, and paid her supporters £1 16s.

The following are the heats of the Juvenile Stakes (harness) of 260 sovs, one mile. Reality (by Imperious—Lady Berlin) won the first by three lengths from Gentle Child.

Lauderdale (13sec) won the Winter Handicap (saddle) of 10 sovs by 70 yards from Rarus (13sec).

The great race of the day attracted a field of seven as follows:—Fritz (scr.), Wildwood (5sec), Hattie (8sec), Monte Carlo (9sec), Kentucky (9sec), Mambrino Abdallah (10sec), and Rita (10sec).

The remaining events were won as follows:—Progressive Handicap, two miles—Polly Huon, by Huon, 7sec, 1. Dividend, £10.

The following are the results:—MAIDEN HANDICAP (Saddle) of 50 sovs, two miles. Sunshine, scratch.

PROGRESSIVE HANDICAP (harness) of 80 sovs, two miles. Polly Huon, 7sec.

Electric Handicap (saddle) of 70 sovs, one mile. Awahuri, 11sec.

DAIRY HANDICAP (harness) of 70 sovs, one mile. Collector, 15sec.

ROYAL HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

WANGANUI J.C. STEEPLECHASE MEETING. FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 21.

ADDINGTON HANDICAP (harness) of 100 sovs, two miles. Fritz, scratch.

PROGRESSIVE HANDICAP (harness) of 80 sovs, two miles. Polly Huon, 7sec.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP (saddle) of 70 sovs, one mile. Awahuri, 11sec.

DAIRY HANDICAP (harness) of 70 sovs, one mile. Collector, 15sec.

ROYAL HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

WANGANUI J.C. STEEPLECHASE MEETING. SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 24TH 1898.

TRIAL HANDICAP (harness) of 50 sovs, two miles. Young Burlington, 15sec.

JUVENILE STAKES of 260 sovs, one mile. Final heat: Plane distanced the three other starters.

VICTORIA HANDICAP (saddle) of 100 sovs, two miles. Bellman, 25sec.

FINAL HANDICAP (saddle) of 70 sovs, one mile. Awahuri, 14sec.

TAHUNA PARK TROTTERING MEETING. The Tahuna Park Trotting Club held its first day's sport on Tuesday, the weather being beautiful.

TRIAL HANDICAP.—Ruby 1, Rabbi 2. Dividend, £1 12s.

MARRAM PONY HANDICAP.—Pippin 1, Blackie 2. Dividend, £1 4s.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP.—Harold 1, Colac 2. Dividend, £1 12s.

NOVEL HANDICAP.—Lugnaquilla 1. Dividend, £3 18s.

PRESIDENT'S HARNES HANDICAP.—Cling 1, Kentucky Maid 2.

THE OCEAN BEACH HANDICAP, which wound up the day, was won by Harold, paying a dividend of £2 12s.

Turf Records.

THE TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 21. Torrents of rain fell on the opening day, and after two races had been run the meeting was postponed.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and three-quarters.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY (continued)—TUESDAY, MAY 24. HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake.

ROYAL HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

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FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP of 125 sovs; second horse 15 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

ROYAL HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

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WON BY SLIGHTLY OVER A LENGTH, GLENORE, WHO CAME WITH A late run, just beating Wimbledon for second money on the post.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP of 300 sovs; second horse 15 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

WINTER WELTER HANDICAP of 75 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.

SELLING RACE of 50 sovs. One mile. Mr J. Ross' b g Hippomenos, aged, 8.11 (£40).

TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 120 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

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A LUCKY MEETING.

AN EPSOM STORY.

"Great Scott, how late it is!" cried F., abruptly, halting as the clock struck nine. "You'll have to wait—those beastly letters must be written; or, look here," he rang the bell and gave an order, continuing, "I've sent for Beaver; he can tell the yarn from find to finish while I write 'em, which will kill two birds with one stone."

"Here he comes," he added slipping towards the side-door. "Give him a claret-glass of port and say you want the Hermit Derby story," and he vanished just as the old coachman entered, bashful and bowing.

"There's been a many changes since that Derby thirty years ago," began the veteran, as I explained my wants and handed him a bumper. "My best respects, sir—many changes, as perhaps you know."

"Epsom Downs and the stands and paddock look much the same; but there's a change when you look at the hill, sir. Gipsy fortune-tellers and stilt-walkers, and the boxin' and gamblin' booths—all done clear away with, and everything for law and order so that a lady might walk about by herself almost without a 'chap-of-her-own,' as the nobs say, to mind her. But it wasn't like that in those days—else, maybe, I shouldn't have this yarn to tell you."

"As you was quite right in sayin', sir, I'd had my bit on Hermit (bein' Lincolnshere bred-and-born, which—well I know Squire Chaplin by sight). Forty crowns to old Bob Denham laid me, and my pals got bullyragging me—said I'd been a fool twice over—once for taking forties, when I could have had fifty or sixty to one, and, second, for backin' such an outside chance at all. But they laughed t'other side of their mouths when Daley squeezed him home, and old Bob paid ten pound five back! I can see the horses now, comin' tearin' down the hill from 'at'n'au Corner, looking all of a blur—like you see in a bad photo—owin' to the snow-a-swirlin' round them."

"Well, sir, bein' in pocket, I risked another crown or two on the races after; and, as 'twas 'my day out,' I found a couple more winners, and felt a reg'lar merchant when 'twas all over and we started off for the station."

"Blowed if I don't take the missis and kids to the theater to night, and Rotherville Gardens, Sunday," says I to myself, and I got thinking over the high old times we'd have till I somehow missed my pals in the crowd, and was by myself."

"The missis shall have a new dress—I goes on, joggin' along through the fu'zzes, with seventeen of the best safe in my pocket and my hand jambed in atop of 'em, and we'll go to Hampton Court, and—' when out comes a couple of rough-lookin' gipsy coves and stood right in front of me starin'."

"One of 'em gives a nod of his head, seemin'ly to some 'un behind me. I half turned to look round; three more chaps come along, and one of 'em, as was half-seas over, blundered up against me (which I'd seen him before in the ring). 'Who are you a-shovin' of?' says he, swearin' something awful, 'nough to dry the ground up."

"No one," says I, a-walkin' on."

"You're a liar," says he, "which you took and shoved me, through a-wishin' to roll me in among the prickles!" and fore I could say a word the whole bloomin' lot was on to me—"

"Plunk. I caught the first one, sending him pecking, right into the middle of a fu'zz bush; but lor, I'd no more chance than a baby, and down I went on my back, with one of them gonophs sittin' on my head, while the others started clawin' at my pockets, swearing that if I didn't lay still they'd—well, there, sir, I don't want to spoil your appetite for dinner, and 'twould fairly turn you sick, s'posin' I told you all they said."

"Course they'd seen old Bob a-payin' me over Hermit. As I just said, sir, I'd noticed the drunken one—"

"Well, never mind what they threatened, I kicked and struggled for all I was worth, and, wriggling my face from under the cove setting on it, I yelled 'Murder!' at the top o' my voice—just, thank God, as a couple of young toffs was passin' by. 'Murder!' I cries out—'Murder.'"

"By Gad! Jimmy! I heard one of the toffs say, 'here's a lot of brutes, killin' someone.'"

"Get out of it, you blackguard," and I see a patent leather boot catch one of 'em in the ribs, liftin' him clean over me, while at the same moment the gonoph, who'd been 'arf smothering me, jumped up and bolted, followed by the rest of 'em, and I set up, gaspin'."

"Hurt you much?" arsts the gent who'd used his foot. "Only out of puff, I think."

"That's all, sir," says I, "and thank you kindly." And then I told 'em how 't'ad come about; and lummy, sir, I felt as say as a robin, for my cootish was safe after all."

"I'm only a pore cabby, genelman," says I, "but if ever it's in my power to do anything for you, James Beaver, Hardy's Mews, Bloomsbury, will always find me, and—"

"Rot!" says one of them, cutting me short (and glad I was, for I was that shook I come pretty near cryin'). "I was only a bit o' fun for us, he goes on very kindly. 'Come on, better keep along with us as far as the station; 'twont do for them to cop you by yerself.' And soon's I'd got my second wind again I thanked him and went."

"Now, sir, I'll get on to what you'd call the 'Co-in-si-dence' of the yarn, which happened a couple o' years after."

"I was my keb slowly 'long the Marrybun Road, waitin' till 'twas time to call at Madrne Tussard's for a gent who'd engaged me—half after nine, that was the time, I remember."

Suddenly, passin' one of the side streets, the old horse shied fit to throw himself down, and all but bolted; and enough to make him, too. Round the corner, and slap-bang almost against us, come a cove fit to frighten ole Nick hisself. Far's I could see, he hadn't nothing on but a

night-shirt and slippers, and he clutched hold of Jehu's bridle and stood glaring up into my face, panting.

"For Gawd's sake," says he, "save me!"

"Save yer?" says I, "What from? Loose them reins, will yer?" and I snatched up the whip.

"I've 'scaped from the 'sylum yonder," says he, jerkin' his thumb back over his shoulder. "They've shut me up, but I'm as sane as you. Oh! b'lieve what I say, for Heaven's sake!" he goes on. "I swear to you I'm tellin' the truth; and the pore critter dropped on his knees and fair sobbed again."

"Whew, Jimmy Beaver," thinks I, "here's a queer start; look out, my lad, or you'll get yerself in a fine scrape."

"How long 'ave they kep' you there?" I arsts out loud, meanin' to keep him talkin' till the keepers come up, for I could hear some 'un running at the far end o' the street he'd come down."

"A yeas and more," says he, startin' up, for he'd heard them too. "Ark," he says; "they're close behind. Why, won't you b'lieve me?" He jumped back fair into the lamplight as he spoke, und, sir, you might have downed me with a cabbage leaf. Swelp me, 'twas the pore young gent who saved me from them Epsom gonophs."

"His face and the front of his shirt was all smeared with blood and dirt, and his hair was cropped like a prisoner's; but I'd a' sworn to him all the same."

"Lord's sake, sir," says I, "whatever have they been doin' to you? Jump in, sir! Jim Beaver ain't one to forget a good turn. You a loony—jump in," and with that he tore open the lids and tumbled in head first, with me whippin' up the horse just as three burly fellers came peltin' round the corner."

"Stop!" says they, just catching sight of him.

"When I gets where I'm going," says I, slashing at one of 'em, for he'd snatched at the bridle, and prayin' as 'twould be too dark for them to read my number, and orf we goes. I drove on for about a mile, then I pulled up and got down, takin' the horse-rug with me."

"Wrap this 'ere round you, sir," says I, for the young gent was all of a dither, fair perished with cold; and when he'd done it, he told me all about the business."

"It seemed that some of his relatyves—through wishin' to get hold of his money—had got two leather 'earted blackguards to swear as he was mad, and shut him up in a privit 'sylum, paying handsome for his keep, so that the cove as run the place wouldn't listen to reason, but kep' him there, though he was as sound as you or me, sir."

"That night, after goin' to bed, he'd managed to give 'em the slip, climbed down a waterpipe, and cut his lucky."

"I drove him straight off to my bit of a crib in Soho, where the Missis (having often heard about that Derby business) made that fuss over him that I turned quite jealous. In the morning I went out and fetched a lawyer, and that ended it so far as I know."

"Seeing, sir, that—supposin' I'd not known him—Master would have been shut up again, while I, if livin', would still been drivin' of a keb, that Epsom was, for both of us, what you might call a "Lucky Meeting."—G. B. M. PORT in London Sporting Times.

A LIVELY TWO-YEAR-OLD.

An extraordinary story is told of a precocious not to say lively, two-year-old in 1853 that startled the racing world by the way in which he won his first engagement, which was the Althorp Park Stakes, and of his strange loss of form afterwards. The explanation is supplied by William Day in a book he recently published. Until a very few years ago there was living a tall, good-looking man of venerable appearance, with a long white beard, who was known to his friends and others as "Jim" Adkins. He was proprietor of a gambling hell, he owned race horses, and made a large book. His gambling rooms at Newmarket are now the post office. He was a gentleman who was not particularly scrupulous in his dealings. The revelations in the still remembered case of Sidebottom v. Adkins were of such a character as to cause the great Lord Derby to write a letter to his brother members of the Jockey Club. In that letter attention was drawn to the fact that Sidebottom had received from Adkins £1,000 on the avowed ground that the money had been won by Adkins with loaded dice. Lord Derby suggested that in view of the position that Adkins occupied on the Turf it was the duty of the Jockey Club to warn him off and thus deprive him of the opportunity of running horses thereon. The stewards of the Jockey Club adopted this suggestion, and so far as we are aware this is the only instance of a man being warned off the Turf for having committed an offence not connected with racing. This case will show the character of the man with whom we have now to deal with, and of what he was capable. Adkins had a two-year-old colt, Ruby, by Bay Middleton out of Crown Jewel. This youngster, as he was believed to be, was pulled out for the Althorp Park Stakes, and being, as was said, of fractious temper, he was saddled away from the others. It was seen that he was a grand horse, and when he won the race, which was then of the first importance, and for which he was backed down to 2 to 1 in such style as had seldom been seen, he was at once made first favorite for the Derby. The field he beat was a good one, one of the runners being Epaminondas, who gave Fordham his first winning mount in the Chester Cup. This was the only race in which Ruby took part that year, and during the season the utmost mystery was observed with regard to him. So well was the "bonneting" done that he actually started second favorite at 7 to 2 for the Two Thousand Guineas won by Hermit, in connection with which there have been so many catch bets. As a matter of fact, Ruby was a most worthless animal, and could not

win anything, and the Derby bubble of course burst with his miserable display in the Two Thousand Guineas.

The way that he was kept in the betting was something marvellous. Apparently no horse could be dealt with as a three-year-old in a more open manner, looking at the mystery of the previous season and Adkins even invited people to see him gallop. They saw him go the Derby distance and more, as they thought, and returned to town delighted. The deception was carried at by galloping him round a hill about half or three-quarters of a mile; whereas the real, or further, course, which he was always supposed to go, was a mile longer, making the gallop a mile and three quarters. The hill excluded any view of the horses except at the start and finish, and Ruby was credited with doing the distance very quickly. "Bot," it will be said, "he must have been a smart horse when he won the Althorp Park Stakes?" The winner of the Althorp Park Stakes was indeed a smart horse, but it was not Ruby. It was the three-year-old Brocket, who, the following season, won the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot from a large field with 8.4 on his back, and at the same meeting won the Wokingham with 8.12. With regard to the race for the Althorp Park Stakes, Brocket, who was the property of Mr B. W. Way, was taken to Northampton altogether without the knowledge of that gentleman. The horse had no engagement at the meeting, and was not entered for any. He was placed in the next box to Ruby, who, indeed, never came out his box at all until it was to go home again. It was Brocket that was taken out to run for the Althorp Park Stakes, and no wonder that he came in by himself. No one saw him before the race, and few afterwards, as he was instantly swathed in clothing and hurried away. Such is the knavish history of the Althorp Park Stakes of 1853, and of the fraud that enabled Adkins to rob the public in connection with the Two Thousand Guineas and Derby of the following year. If the public had had a run with the animal that they had seen, and which in reality they were backing, they would have won their money readily enough, as the four-year-old Brocket, running as a three-year-old, would have made short work of Hermit in the Two Thousand and Andover in the Derby. Ruby afterwards ran for a Triennial at Ascot, for which he was tailed off, and did not pass the post, and the last that was heard of him he was in a cab.—London Sporting Times.

An amusing "legal illegality" is narrated in an English exchange. The licensee of an hotel in Newington got up an entertainment called a "Judge and Jury Gathering," where amusing or instructive debates or mock trials took place. It was conducted in the most respectable manner, and became quite popular. At the annual Licensing Court, however, the landlord was brought up with a round turn when he found the police opposing his application for a renewal. This was done on the grounds that his "Judge and Jury" Club held the law up to contempt, and especially cast ridicule on the police. After a protracted and angry debate, the license was renewed, on condition that the judge and jury entertainments were stopped.

For some time past a Native "Tohunga," or prophet, from Gisborne has been ministering to the Natives in the Hastings district, and has secured a large following (reports the Standard). Besides claiming to heal his fellow-aborigines of their bodily infirmities, he has set to work to reform their habits, impressing particularly upon them the evils of alcohol and tobacco. On May 12 the main street of Hastings was thrown into a state of excitement by the arrival of the prophet in a buggy, followed by a retinue of nearly a hundred Natives in vehicles. Arrived in front of a certain hotel the procession halted, the "Tohunga" descended from his vehicle, and entering the house, called for two shillings' worth of whisky, asking that it be put in a glass. The landlord and his servants, observing the host of Natives, were all smiles, and brushed themselves up in preparation of a humming trade. The "Tohunga," on receiving the glass of whisky, put it to his nasal organ and sniffed it. Then he gave a signal, and one by one his Native followers entered the hotel, took up the glass, smelt the whisky, and passed out. The landlord was naturally surprised and astounded at this peculiar conduct. It is difficult to understand what was the object of the peculiar demonstration; but it is believed the "Tohunga" wished to impress upon his following that the effects of sniffing whisky were not so baneful as those of consuming it. After the whole procession had gone through the strange ceremony, the "Tohunga" took the whisky to the street, peured it out, paid his two shillings, and left.

"Hotel-keeper," who has been caught napping, writes as follows to the *Carterer*:—"Here is a fine trick for you. The other night an individual dropped into my place, and, ordering some refreshment, asked me to take charge of his violin for a couple of hours. I agreed, and placed it in the bar. Shortly after a man who was present when the violin was brought in begged me to let him see it, which I did. He opened the case, affected considerable surprise, and then offered to buy the instrument. I told him that it was not mine, but when he tempted me with £20 I said I would see what I could do. Whereupon the stranger, saying that he would call the next day, departed. Half an hour elapsed, and, the owner of the violin coming back, I at once in my foolishness asked him to sell the instrument, which, after a great deal of argument, he agreed to do for £15. I paid him on the spot, and now I am waiting for the second man to relieve me of my burden, which a dealer to whom the instrument was shown informs me is worth precisely 30s."

The Echuca publicans whose houses are about to be closed through the recent local option vote held a meeting last Thursday, and appointed Mr A. W. H. White arbitrator on their behalf, at a remuneration of one and a half per cent. on the results. The Government have selected Mr Martin Cussen, of Mooropna, as their representative, and the board should at once get to work. It is expected that quite £400 will be required to give compensation to owners and licensees of closed houses.

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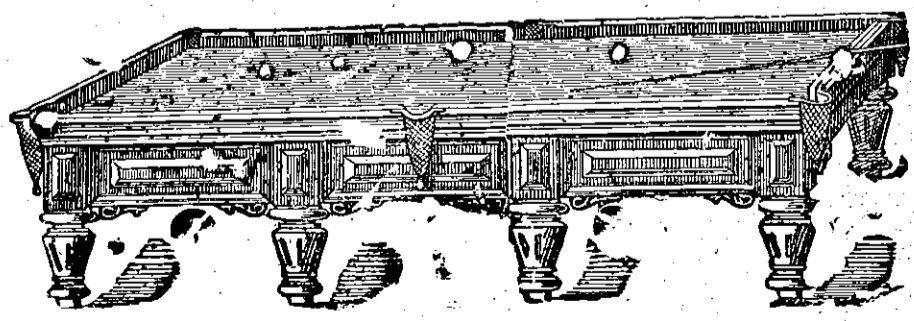
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FUTURE LEGISLATION RE THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

THE New Zealand Parliament must meet before the end of June, if only to pass an Imprest Supply Bill before the expiry of the month indicated, without which, under our statutory law, no moneys can be legally paid to meet the expenses necessary in the administration of the Government. During the existence of the present Parliament no special effort has been made to interfere with the Liquor Law as it now obtains, but there are signs in the air that special attempts will be practically apparent during the coming session to amend the existing law, and special effort will in all probability be forthcoming, with the view of making the law more in conformity with public opinion, and more in accordance with the true interests of the people. The clap-trap theories that all the evils which afflict the human race arises from the use of alcoholics obtains no real hold upon thinking men of the present day, and there is now in New Zealand a consensus of opinion that the prohibition party, with their small minority of "noise makers," have had more than a fair show of talk, and in a far greater degree more than their just modicum of legislative support, and that the time has now arrived when a trade, which is conducted under national enactment and subject to all the harassing provisions of municipal and other local administrative provisions, should obtain some fair consideration at the hands of ministers and from the power of Parliament. The Right Hon. the Premier and his co-ministers must ere this have fully realised that the Government can expect no support from the "pump party" in the present House, and that if he expects to retain office he must look for the necessary support to enable him to do so from the people in this colony who returned men to the House at the last election who were not bond slaves to the confiscators on the one hand, or bound hand and foot to the Trade on the other hand. There can be no possible doubt as to the defective nature of the present Alcoholic Liquors Sales Control Act, but those defects are mainly, in fact almost entirely, traceable to the action of Sir Robert Stout and the disciples of the Rev. Isitt who held seats in the parliament when the Act was passed. Many of the political confiscators have now passed out of legislative public life, and it is safe to say that the place that knew them once as legislators will know them no more, and in taking this as a gauge of public opinion, the question arises as to whether or not the Government are sufficiently discriminating to discern the signs of the times, and will take the opportunity of meting out fair justice to those persons who have as a whole given the party in power a true but independent support. Surely the Premier and his Ministry must now see that, in the past, large and valuable properties have been at the mercy of fanaticism. The right honorable gentleman must be fully cognisant of the fact that men have been ruined and the savings of a lifetime have gone by one fell swoop at practically the dictum of a handful of zealots, who, perhaps, were mistaken in a zeal which in its effect meant ruin to men and poverty and devastation to families. Men in this colony have put thousands of pounds into trade enterprise, and in many instances the expenditure has been cen-

tered in one spot, and yet one single violation of an unjust and arbitrary law, which—as the result of fanaticism—it is impossible to keep intact, renders the whole property highly liable to be lost in one solitary administrative act. We do not think a law so unjust in its nature and provision as the one under consideration exists in any other colony, and we sincerely trust that those persons financially interested will take immediate steps to secure an early consideration by Parliament of their substantial grievances. And we further express the hope that the practical Premier will sweep from his mind the clap-trap nonsense of the present injuries done by strong drink, and will act upon the lines laid down by Mr Ferguson, an Australian legislator, as contained in the following extract from an Australian paper sup-



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porting the Trade:—"It is useless for people to say that all the evil is caused by drink. There was no drink in Heaven, and yet the devil was kicked out. There was no drink in the Garden of Eden, and yet they ate the apple. There is no record of any drink before the Flood, and yet they became so bad that the whole world had to be drowned. The only ones saved were Noah and his family, and the first thing that Noah did when he came out of the Ark was to get drunk. How could you expect a nation of teetotallers after that? He had been forty days and forty nights looking at water, and he wanted a change."

THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE N.Z. ALLIANCE.

The late secretary of the New Zealand Alliance, the Rev. Walker, was a gentleman deservedly respected by all classes of the community. He was earnest, courteous, tolerant, and capable. He was never known to wound the feelings of any person opposed to him, and, at the same time, he was fearless in his advocacy of the cause he was actively engaged in. Some time previous to his departure from our shores, it was well known that there was severe friction between himself and the extreme section of his people, viz., those

led by the Rev. Isitt, and that the rupture caused thereby was so wide in its nature as to be rendered scarcely possible of being bridged over. The Rev. Walker found things so exceedingly unpleasant that his only alternative was to resign the post he had held with distinguished ability for so many years. And he is succeeded by a gentleman who was a minister of the gospel in the Wairarapa district—the Rev. Judkins. The new organising secretary of the Alliance has been lecturing in Auckland City, also in the suburbs and at the Thames, and it is not uncharitable to say that his mission so far has not been a signal success. At the Thames he was asked a very fair and pertinent question by the Rev. F. W. Boys—re the "capture of the Alliance"—which we understand, in mining parlance, means the jumping of the Rev. Mr Walker's claim. The new secretary appears to have evaded the direct question by stating "That he had travelled the colony and no question had been asked him in reference to the 'capture,' and that he should not publicly make a statement unless a question was asked." Mr Boys thereupon resolved to ask the question himself, but appears to have obtained no satisfactory reply. In a letter, recently published in the *New Zealand Times*, over the signature of Fred. W. Boys, Primitive Methodist Minister, Thames, a little light is thrown on the subject which refers to the resignation of the Rev. Walker and bears out a previous contention, viz.: That the Rev. Walker was too broad in mind, too generous in disposition, and altogether too manly to be made a cat's-paw of by the extreme fanatical section of the Alliance, and consequently he took the only manly course open to him when he tendered his resignation and severed his connection with narrow bigotry and with intolerance. The concluding part of the Rev. Boys' published letter proves clearly that the inveterate hatred of the Hon. Seddon was a powerful factor in the

with. In 1878 Mr Raynes built the first hotel in Wairoa South, and ran the same in conjunction with the general store for some time, but finally sold the whole business to Mr George Martin. He afterwards purchased the National Hotel, Cambridge, and during the "gold days" had the whole of the tourists trade for the Lakes district, so much so, in fact, that he had to extend the hotel premises to double the original size, and eventually sold out the lot to Mr Gillett. Some time afterwards Mr Raynes took the Kahui Hotel at Dargaville which he kept for ten years. Here he was very successful, and eventually sold out at a big figure to Mr Rogers. The Grand Hotel, Auckland, was his next venture, and another successful sale was made to Mr Gallagher. During his tenure of the Grand Mr Raynes had the honor of catering for four Governors, and most of the aristocracy visiting the colony. The Terminus Hotel at New Plymouth came next, and Mr Raynes, having secured the stone house and grounds adjoining the hotel, is hard at work laying out the grounds in great style, his intention being to make the place the sanatorium of the district. The Terminus commands a splendid view of the whole place, and is facing the sea and railway station, and just now is one of the most popular houses along the coast, and when the projected improvements are completed the house and grounds will undoubtedly be the leading attraction of the district.

TRADE TOPICS.

Mr G. S. Budge, lately of the Queen's Hotel, Symonds-street, has taken over the Star and Garter Hotel, Panmure, where he will be pleased to see his many friends. Mr Budge is succeeded in the occupancy of the Queen's Hotel by Mr Charles Reinhardt, lately of the City Hotel, Hobson-street.

Mr James Mumford has lately become the proprietor of the Marton Hotel, Marton. The hotel has been thoroughly and completely renovated and re-furnished, and under the management of Mr Mumford, who acquired a sterling reputation in Wellington, athletes, cyclists, footballers, and the general public may rely upon a comfortable sojourn when they travel to Marton. The stables attached to the hotel are admirably built and are very convenient. There is also capital paddock accommodation for visitors' horses, which will be well looked after by a competent groom.

Mr W. P. Stuart, formerly of Hastings, has become the proprietor of the Newmarket Hotel, Wanganui, where he will be gratified to meet old and new friends and acquaintances. Mr Stuart was for some eight years in Hastings, and attained great popularity during his control of the Albert Hotel in that town. Mr Stuart was at the head of the Hawke's Bay Highland Society for many years, and is at the present time one of the directors of the Hawke's Bay Caledonian Society. Mr Stuart has always evinced the greatest interest in Caledonian and athletic sports generally, and in Wanganui he will find very hearty support for his favorite pastimes.

Mrs. L. Ross is the new proprietress of the Occidental Hotel, Masterton, and is rapidly making a name for her house in that rising town. A fully competent chef presides over the culinary department, and takes care that the *cuisine* shall be excellent and varied. Mrs. Ross has both Staples' Wellington Ales and Speight's Dunedin draught, and her stock of liquors contain only the best brands.

Mr A. B. Maltby has opened new dining and supper rooms in Queen-street, Masterton, opposite Houslow and Hoar's. Mr Maltby formerly had the Trocadero in Masterton, and his present establishment is known as the Cafe. Every appointment in the Cafe is new and in the best taste, and, as Mr Maltby's patrons well know, the absolute cleanliness which is so necessary to the successful conduct of a dining establishment is all prevailing.

The Masonic Hotel, Palmerston North, is now in the hands of Mr P. L. Harriett, who will worthily succeed Mr Drury in looking after the interests of boarders and visitors to the Masonic. The hotel is within a minutes' walk from the Railway Station, and is close to the Show Grounds and to the racecourse. Special terms are made for boarders and for visitors who are making a prolonged stay in the district. For the information of racing men, it may be mentioned that there are several first-class loose-boxes attached to the hotel.

Mr Campbell has taken over the Taranaki Hotel, New Plymouth, and is now effecting great alterations, but want of space at the present time prevents us dealing with these in this issue.

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L.V. PORTRAIT GALLERY.

Mr Audus Raynes, whose portrait appears in this issue, is well and popularly known as the proprietor of the Terminus Hotel, New Plymouth. The subject of our sketch commenced business with a general store at Wairoa South in 1876, and was well known as a large purchaser of settlers' produce, which was conveyed to the Thames by the steamer Transit, and he was proverbially lucky in hitting good markets there-

The Feathered World.

PREPARING FOR SHOW

I suppose the fanciers are pretty busy just now in getting their "certainties" ready for the fray. So a few hints about getting birds into the best possible trim may not be out of place. Let me say at once that I do not believe in the very common practice of making a bird as heavy as possible. I believe in putting on flesh, but fat in the show pen I consider very much out of place. I know that a good many judges are in favour of weight, and so long as that is present they are content. I take it that a bird in the pen should be in a clean and healthy condition, with enough fat to make it look its best from top to toe; and that object is best attained by judgment in feeding and close attention to cleanliness. Having selected the birds intended for showing, the first thing is to get them tame. Many and many a first prize has been lost on account of the wildness of the bird in the show pen, for the judge is unable to fairly and squarely estimate the merits of a bird if it jumps all over the pen when he tries to use his "little stick." It is a very simple thing to rig up something after the style of a show pen, and putting the bird into it for an hour or so a day, and by handling, much can be done in the way of making the bird show itself off. Some breeders keep their birds in these pens for several weeks, and providing the occupants get all the attention necessary to health in such close confinement, the method may be followed with advantage. One of the first things to be done when putting a bird in a practice pen is to thoroughly clean the legs and feet. A good scrubbing with a nail brush and soap and water will do that all right, and after the legs and feet are thoroughly dried a very little refined lard should be rubbed over them. A piece of soft linen should be used to take off any surplus, or the plumage may be damaged when the bird settles down for the night. I have known breeders of yellow-legged fowls to put their birds on straw after washing their legs and feet. They say it brings out the color of leg, and helps greatly to keep the plumage bright and clean. Such a practice would not do for feather-legged breeds, however, but I have seen almost perfect foot-feathers on Brahmas which had a loose box covered to a depth of three inches with chaff, for their training pen. Then comes the question of feeding. I suppose pretty nearly every fancier has got his own idea as to the true method of feeding for exhibition, so I will give my own opinions for what they are worth. First of all, I am a firm believer in soft food twice a day when the birds are penned up, prior to exhibition, for it stands to reason that birds with a limited amount of exercise require easily-digested food; and the third feed should be wheat. During the last fortnight, rice, boiled in milk, and mixed with sharps, is a capital thing three times a week, and I also believe in giving the birds boiled bread and milk by candle light on the last few nights before the show. A very good thing to put on "gloss" is boiled linseed, but it must be used with very great discretion. It should be boiled to a jelly, which should be used to mix the meal to the proper crumbly state. If given in this way for two meals a week, the improvement is very marked, but it should not be given oftener or it will start the birds moulting. A little bit of cooked meat, given by hand through the bars of the pen each day, will do the birds good, and will make them tame. Feed thus, and given plenty of green food and sharp grit, fresh water and cleanliness, I think the birds will do credit to the exhibitor.

Light-colored fowls are very often the better for a good washing and a good drying, for the difficulty lies in the drying and not in the washing. Plenty of warm water, some white Castile soap, and plenty of rubbing will make the bird clean. The washing is very easy. The skill is required in drying the bird, so that each feather shall web out to perfection. I once washed some Light Brahmas, washed them white, but made an awful hash of the drying! I dried them too quickly, with the result that the plumage was dried up, and the birds only looked half the size they were before washing! But as the song says, "I Asked Johnny Jones, and I Know Now," and slow and sure is the proper way to dry a washed fowl. It is best done by putting the bird in an exhibition basket, with plenty of clean straw in the bottom, before a good fire, and at such a distance from it as caution suggests.

The final touches before sending off to the show are probably well enough known. Some men use oil to "bring up the red" of the comb, some use vinegar, and others swear they use nothing at all! Competition, however, is too keen for the "innocents," if they are really such, and the man who wants to win by legitimate means must be skillful enough to get his exhibits into brilliant condition, without overdoing it. And if he is a true fancier he thinks of the future as well as the present, and he will not spoil his chance of breeding for the sake of a few ounces of fat. May there be many such men at the coming shows.

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