

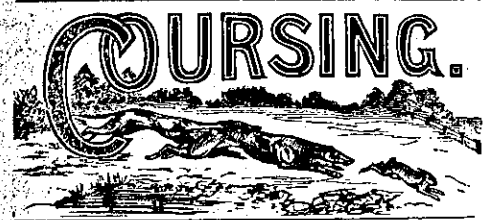
that he heads off all his mates when they indulge in a scamper round the paddock. Nelson's sister, Lady Hamilton, is represented by a dark bay gelding by Mousquetaire. He is a stylish level-built fellow, and his appearance is suggestive of pace. A hardy-looking one is the dark brown filly by Mousquetaire from Kie Kie, by Lord of the Isles from Toti, who never threw a bad one, and this youngster is full of promise. The half-brother to Daphne by Mousquetaire is a nice bay, with a white off hind foot and blaze. Built on powerful lines, he should turn out useful. Forlorn Hope's (by Artillery or St. George from Escalade, who claims Vanguard as a half-brother), brown, black-pointed son by Jet d'Eau is an upstanding, strong, powerful looking colt, and presents the appearance of wearing well as his feet and legs look of the best. Tirant d'Eau was the outcome of Jet d'Eau's consorting with a daughter of one of Musket's sons and if we take Artillery as the sire of Escalade, the extra blend of good blood that she possesses should tend to make the colt under criticism an extra good one. The final one of this bunch is the daughter of Miss Dargon by Mousquetaire, a bay in colour. She is very nicely constructed, showing heaps of quality, and fills the eye as one who is blessed with all the attributes which mark the possessors of pace.

Another ride of about four miles landed us amongst another bery of stud matrons, the first to come under notice being Fair Nell, who is in foal to Captain Webb, her coat and general appearance denoting the best of health. The good-looking Forlorn Hope, who is browsing near by, has also been associated with Natator's son this season, and she shows unmistakable signs of being in foal. Not far away is the handsome Iphimede, who looked as queenly as she did when engaged at the racing game. She is in foal to Bonnie Scotland. The pet of the paddock Tireuse, with her aristocratic appearance and affable manner, is the next to be seen. She formed one of Captain Webb's harem this year, and is undoubtedly in foal. Escalade, who, since she slipped twin foals to Medallion three years ago, has never bred since, appears as if her mating with Strophon will prove successful. Lady Hamilton's appearance is also suggestive that her visit to Bonnie Scotland will turn out profitable. Martini-Engfeldt's half-sister, Julia, by Ingomar, availed herself of Captain Webb's services this season, but it is doubtful if she is in foal. Kie Kie and Tally-Ho's dam (a Puriz mare) are both in foal to Captain Webb. These pair of mares are of the useful stamp, and should produce something favorable. Namca, by Nordenfeldt from Tre's Deuce, is attended by a chestnut yearling filly by Jet d'Eau. She is one of twins, the other having died at birth, and this youngster had the misfortune to get badly mangled in a wire fence, which has, judging by appearances, completely destroyed all chance of her ever making a name for herself upon the racing path. Another daughter of Namca's is the four-year-old brown filly by Chester's son, Carlyon. What a picture she is to look at, and what a pity it is that she broke down. The near foreleg, which was the cause of her downfall, looks very thick and bulky, and I am afraid that her connections with the Turf in the future will be confined to breeding pursuits. As she was bred to a real good one, her retirement is to be deplored. Running together with these mares was a yearling bay gelding by Bonnie Scotland from a hack mare, who should develop into a serviceable hack or harness horse, taking his present favorable appearance as a criterion, and a yearling filly by Jet d'Eau from a Forerunner mare. The latter of these two is a grand advertisement for her sire, showing as she does a power of good looks, and her movements about the paddock lead one to think that she will be able to use her legs to advantage.

In a distant paddock were located Tiralment, the three-year old son of Mousquetaire and Florence McCarthy, and Mousquet, a similar-aged son of Mousquetaire from Fair Nell. Both of these horses have not been long gelded, and it is only a question of time as regards their taking up the active pursuits of the game again. Their cessation of labor was caused by their both going slightly amiss while in training at Hastings. Time would not permit me paying my respects to them, nor did I see Overture (by Forerunner—Forest Queen), who is in foal to Captain Webb, for the same reason.

On my way back to the homestead I fell in with three old-timers, viz., Silence, The Mute—Marie Antoinette gelding; Kimberley, Armourer's dun-coated son, and Satyr, the Leolinus—Najad horse who formed one of George Wright's team some years ago, when Satyr was engaged at the jumping business. Hickey, who is at present in England with Mr Gollan's horses, owns the Leolinus chap. The trio are being hacked about, and in their new sphere of life acquit themselves admirably.

In conclusion, I must tender many thanks to Messrs Smith and Lunn for the interesting information that they gave me, and sincerely hope that during the coming season their labors will bear good fruit.



[BY DICKEN.]

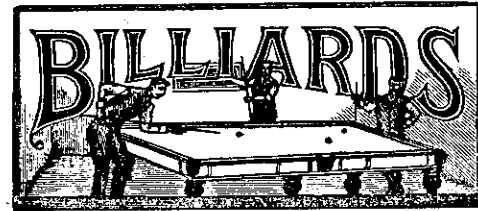
The first meeting this season of the Auckland Coursing Club was brought to a close at Avondale last week, and, as reported in last week's SPORTING REVIEW, resulted in victories for Hurricane (in the Puppy Stakes) and Favonius (in the Challenge Stakes). Hurricane is evidently a youngster of considerable merit, as he won every

course decisively. He was bred by Frank Baker, who had the distinction of training the winner of the Challenge Stakes, who is by Storm Fiend, out of Dora B. Storm Fiend is owned by Mr J. W. Russell, who also owns Favonius, so that it will be seen that Messrs Russell and Baker played a pretty strong hand at the meeting. Notwithstanding their success, however, both owner and trainer have determined to retire from coursing. Mr Russell has a remarkably successful record, but perhaps he feels that success in coursing arouses jealousy and bad feeling. Coursing men, as I have stated before, are natural growlers, and although they could not argue last week that Favonius had not won handsomely, still they growled that he had been indulged, according to their opinion, with an undeserved bye. The consequence is that Auckland coursing has lost one of its best supporters, as well as a most successful trainer. Rocket was sent South on Tuesday, while Mr Russell's other dog, Favonius, has been sent to Mr Appleby.

Writing about coursing in Auckland (says "Amesbury" in the Sydney Referee) reminds me that a short time ago a pair went the rounds that the judge, Mr F. W. Coombes, was reported to have advocated judging from an elevated stand, and to have said that "the system was in vogue in Australia." I doubted the accuracy of the latter statement at the time, and am not the least bit surprised to hear Mr Coombes never said anything of the kind. What he did say was that, when resident in Australia, he had advocated the use of an elevated stand for judging purposes, a system he believed to have been tried with considerable success at the decision of the Irish Waterloo Cup at Lurgan. Personally, I don't think the idea at all a bad one so far as Avondale is concerned, for I believe the enclosure to be but 500 yards long and perfectly level. As the majority of those present—as at all meetings—feel confident they can judge from the ordinary stand, it would appear only reasonable to suppose that Mr Coombes could see even better from an elevated stand in a more suitable place. Any way, the experiment is to be given a trial, and I might add that the judge would act wisely if he had an assistant in the stand to take down on paper the points as scored as a check on the judge's memory.

The next meeting of the Auckland Coursing Club will be held on June 29 and July 2. The programme consists of the New Lynn Maiden Stakes, for an unlimited number of all-aged dogs that have not won any advertised money, at 30s each, and the Avondale Cup, for an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £2 10s each. From the advertised conditions, it will be seen that nominations are due on Friday, June 24.

The following entries were received on Saturday night for the H B. Plumpton Coursing Club's meeting:—Hastings Stakes: P. Scullion 3, J. Loppell 2, H. Thomson 2, H. Hertz 2, P. J. O'Rourke 2, A. McLean 1, P. Collins 1, G. Hardy 1, M. Brandon 1, T. Clary 1, T. Lawton 1, J. Wyatt 1, J. Healey 1, R. Miller 1. Sapling Stakes: B. Gallagher, P. O'Shannessay, T. Caley, and M. J. Flynn, 1 each.



TATTERSALL'S TOURNAMENT.

The committee of Tattersall's are to be congratulated upon the success of their well-directed efforts to maintain the popularity of the club. The club now possesses very comfortable quarters, and not the least attractive portion of their premises is the billiard-room, which is very nicely furnished. The club is fortunate in possessing a courteous and attentive caretaker in Mr Woody, who is entrusted with the management of the important details in connection with the annual billiard tournament, which was commenced on Monday night last. The tournament comes on at a very opportune time, as matters in the sporting world are dull just now, and the keen interest of members is evinced by the large attendance and the close attention observed in the play. The first draw resulted in Messrs E. Davis, owes 50, and J. Armitage, receives 160, meeting, and a really excellent game was witnessed, the scoring being very even all through. Eventually Davis won by the narrow margin of 9 points in 1hr 18min. The winner showed very even form right through, not making any large breaks (the biggest was 22), but playing very consistently, and, in the early part of the game, luckily. The loser showed fair form, but his play was cramped during the major part of the game. He, however, had all the worst of the luck. The next heat was played on Tuesday, when there was a large and appreciative attendance. The players were J. Cook, owes 210, and J. Davidson, receives 100. The straightforward, matter-of-fact bookie had a big advantage in having to score only 150 while his opponent required to make 460. Mr Cook, however, is one of our very best players, and notwithstanding the long handicap he was required to concede, a close finish was anticipated. This was evidenced by the fact that offers to take 6 to 4 and give choice failed to meet with any response, thus showing that members regarded the handicap as a good one. The play at first was all in favor of Davidson, but Cook had cruel luck. After the score was called Cook 18, Davidson 75, Cook got the balls together and rapidly put together breaks of 14, 45, 21, 14, 20, 15, 14, 41, and others of lesser number. The game, therefore, became more interesting, but the steady going and hard-headed bookie was not to be denied, and he won by 53 points in 1hr 20min. There can be no doubt about it that if in the early portion of the game Cook had met with ordinary luck he would have

won. However, we must not detract from the winner's game, because he played characteristically as "solid as a rock," and rarely missed an opportunity if one was afforded. The next game resulted in a boil over. R. Lusk, receiving 35, met C. Philpot, receiving 100. Lusk had been mentioned for some days as a likely winner, but "Philly" won somewhat easily by 75, cutting out the journey in the excellent time of 57min. He played very well, but he is too conscientious to deny the soft impeachment that it was his night out and that he fluked a bit. The loser, on the other hand, seemed out of form. Perhaps if he had had the advantage of a week or two's practice he would have borne out all the good things that were said of him.

At the time of writing the following are the games that remain to be played in the first round:—

Wednesday (June 15)—Lovelock (owes 175) v. G. Rhodes (receives 90), R. Blaikie (receives 80) v. F. Macnamemin (owes 30).

Thursday—W. Davis (owes 100) v. R. Duder (receives 100), G. McKinney (receives 125) v. T. Neill (receives 15).

Friday—F. McHattie (owes 155) v. H. Hayr (receives 50), G. Brimblecombe a bye. "Ponem" and "The Pastor" are the ruling favorites for the tournament.

F. Weiss, the Australian billiard champion, made his first appearance in Australia since his return from England at the Hotel Victoria, George Street, Sydney, on June 7. Owing to ill-health and the difficulty he experienced in arranging matches with the leading professionals, Weiss's English trip was not a great success. He played a drawn game with Roberts, who was conceding the Australian 6500 in a match of 21,000, and was afterwards defeated by Dawson, who allowed him 3000 start in a game of 18,000. On June 7 Weiss played two exhibition games against E. James, the Sydney cueist. In the first 500 up the champion conceded 150 points, push and spot barred. Though Weiss drew level with James at 479, the Sydney man drew away and won by 15 points. Weiss was playing far below his form, and failed in some very simple shots. His best breaks were 96, 96, and 40; and James' best were 74 and 70. In the second, an all-in game, James had a start of 100 in 500 up. Weiss quite failed to do himself justice, and James ran out when his opponent's points were 291. James once got on the spot and made a fine break of 147, his next best efforts being 76 and 69. The champion's best break was 102. Several fancy shots by Weiss were loudly applauded.

On April 15 J. Roberts, the champion, who was playing a match of 21,000 up against E. Diggle, the latter receiving 6,500 points start, made a break of 679, which beats the previous push-barred record made by himself a fortnight earlier by 70 points.

Says a London paper of April 23:—About the month of May, C. Dawson and J. P. Mannock will leave England on an extended tour. They have made arrangements to visit Australia, New Zealand, and India, and will play exhibition games in the principal cities. As Dawson has never been abroad, and is an aspirant for championship honors, there is every reason why the tour should prove a great financial success, and, in any case, it is bound to be a pleasant holiday. They expect to be absent from this country for about six months.

NOMINATIONS.

V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

JULY 9 AND 16.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE, three miles.

Table listing nominees for the Grand National Hurdle Race, including Parisian, Fernlea, Tutor, Carbonate, Calais, Tidal, The Provost, Levanter, So-and-So, Last Glen, Carrier, Wongong, Lady Agatha, Battalion, Hirundo, Pat, Valdis, and Legs.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, three miles one furlong.

Table listing nominees for the Grand National Steeplechase, including Medicine, The Provost, Levanter, Pilot, Songster, Nimrod, Donald McKinnon, Shannon, Gladstone, Ascianor, Claret, Gold and Black, Euroa, Glendower, Rushlight, Whernside, Ninus, Hayseed, Baritone, Zouroff, Reinback, Irish Stew, and Vigil.

V.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

CHAMPION STAKES, three miles.

Table listing nominees for the Champion Stakes, including Le Var, Carthage, Economic, Warbreccan, Murata, Lee-Metford, Mischief, Contrast, Spangle, Acouster, Avalon, Rilleite, Amberite, Cocos, Maccenas, Holster, Heretic, Ballistite, Madown, George Frederick, Cardamon, Miss West, Ronda, Fucile, Battle Abbey, Spark, Bobadil, Renown, Symmetry, Auriferous, Reigned, Battalion, Spencer, Meriolous, Pellissier, War God, Nevada, Pilgrim, Detonator, Cordite, Wait-a-Bit, Manfred, Majestic, Dirk Hammerhand, Hephaestus, Drama, Bundook, Garbineer, Welbeck, and Farmer.

Mr F. Lawry will address the Parnell electors this evening in the Eden Terrace Public Hall, at 8 o'clock.

HANDICAPS.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

JUNE 23 AND 24.

HAWKE'S BAY HURDLES, two miles.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Hawke's Bay Hurdles, including Plain Bill, Opae, Missfire, Umslopogaas, Social Pest, Golden Plover, Torpina, Tally-ho, Sultador, The Artist, Dante, and Ned Kelly.

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HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLECHASE, three miles and a half.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, including Plain Bill, Morag, Missfire, Tally-ho, The Sinner, Toriki, Sultador, Highlander, Rhino, and Tangarua.

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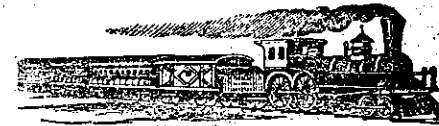
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