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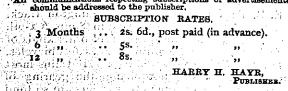
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#### Sporting Keview.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1890.

LAST week we had to make comments on rather an absurd leader in the Herald regarding a company being formed to purchase the Sylvia Park Stud and doubting the veracity of the article. This supposition it appears has turned out to be correct, as on Monday a Prospectus was issued in the columns of the *Herald* very different to what appeared in their leader. The Herald stated that it was intended to form a Company with a capital of  $\pounds_{15,000}$  in  $\pounds_{100}$  shares. This on the face of it appeared absurd,  $f_{13,000}$  being required to purchase the stock alone. It turns out from the Prospectus that appears in the daily papers that it is Col. Carre's intention to try and float a Company with  $\pounds 20,000$  capital in  $\pounds 1$  shares. This is a much more reasonable idea than the other, as in the first place it gives a chance to the general public to invest their money in the speculation, as many would take up a few shares at a pound when they would think several times before they parted with a hundred for one share; secondly, the amount of capital required to carry on the stud profitably is better represented in twenty thousand than fifteen thousand pounds; at the same time we think that even the large sum is hardly sufficient to carry on Sylvia Park as it is now situated. It should be at least thirty thousand pounds. No one would regret more than ourselves to see Auckland without a stud company and the famed Sylvia Park turned into a dairy farm after all the money that has been expended on it. The Auckland climate is well adapted for the breeding of thoroughbred stock and at the present time a fair remuneration might be expected if the study was properly managed, but one must not lose sight of the fact that in Australia some of the oldest breeders are giving up and disposing of their studs as they consider that it does not pay them to continue on. The late Mr. Andrew Town, one, if not quite the largest breeder in the Australian colonies lost sums of money at the game and finally died it is said of a broken heart through the failure of his pet scheme.

In Colonel Carre the Auckland Public have an energetic and enthusiastic man, who has had a good deal of Indian experience and has الم جمعين والمشروف المراجع محمد والمرتجع والمرتجع والمرتجع والمراجع والمراجع والمراجع والمراجع والمراجع والمراجع

travelled through a good deal of the world, so he should be able to bring some experience on the matter. The Prospectus says that arrangements have been made with George Cutts to remain as manager, this is a good thing as few men know their business better than he does. When the Company is floated we will go further into the matter, but we must warn Col. Carre that he has a great deal to contend with and it will take him all his time to float the Company successfully. In the meantime we wish him every success as we would not like to see the boxes at Sylvia Park formerly the home of some thoroughly good racehorses occupied by bullocks and pigs.

The Auckland Racing Club have again postponed their decision regarding the passing of of the Onehunga Racing Club programme, therefore the Club have had to put off their day for entries, etc. Why the A.R.C. have done so we cannot understand, as rule 21 of the Rules of Racing, as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs in New Zealand is as plain as possible. It reads thus: "Not more than one Club shall be allowed to hold meetings on any racecourse except by special license from the Jockey Club." Rule 1-Jockey Club "means any of the following Clubs, which are the Metropolitan Clubs of New Zealand, and have jurisdiction over all race meetings held in the districts set after their names respectively: Auckland Racing Club for the Provincial District of Auckland, etc. Rule 22 gives the amount each Club must give per diem according to the number of meetings held. As regards the Onehunga programme, they advertise  $\pounds 200$  for the one day's meeting, thus coming under the following Rule 22: "Any Club holding two meetings in the year must give an average of at least two hundred pounds per diem "—therefore they are entitled to two meetings in the year. The whole thing rests on Rule 21.

Now so far as we know the Onehunga Racing Club is the only one that has held races at Potter's Paddock, so surely the Auckland R.C. Committee are not going to stretch the meaning of the word "Club" in the 21 rule to include a Trotting Club, as no rules of racing acknowledge Trotting Meetings, so therefore accepting the common reading of the rule, Onehunga Club has a right to the ground. Only on one other ground can we see any objection can be made, that is if the second clause in rule 22 has not been complied with, it reads thus : The Programme when submitted shall be accompanied, if required, by a properly audited balance sheet showing the receipts and expenditure of the Club for the past year, and in no case shall any programme be passed. unless it clearly appears from the balance sheet that all moneys received by the club have been expended in stakes, making improvements on the course and stands or payment for interest and sinking fund on purchase money or generally in the interest of racing." If this clause has been complied with, we do not see any difficulty in the matter, as a Racing Club cannot take cognizance of a Trotting Club. The A.R.C. Committee should strictly adhere to Rules 21 and 22, only granting special licenses to such clubs as the Hunt Club or a Tattersall's meeting, or something of a similar nature, being careful not to allow three or four Totalisator meetings to take place over the same course. A set of a stand state being

The following are horses left in for the Metropolitan Stakes :-- Sir William, 8st 12lb; Marvel, 8st 10lb; The Queen, 8st 6lb; Antæus, 8st 2lb; Ellerdale, 7st 8lb; Vespasia, 7st 8lb; Bungebah, 7st 6lb; Eclipse, 7st 4lb; Papua, 7st 2lb; Megaphone (including 7lbs penalty), 7st 1lb; Whimberel, 6st 12lb; Paris, 6st 10lb; Federation, 6st 10lb; 'Frisco, 6st 8lb; Little Barnie 6st 6lb; Kate 6st 4lb; Batford, 6st Bernie, 6st 6lb; Kate, 6st 4lb; Retford, 6st. 

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### THE TURF. [BY OLD TURFITE.]

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THE Hawkesbury meeting was continued on Saturday, 6th inst, when the Hawkesbury Grand Handicap was run. The information to hand is very meagre, as owing to the great expense of cablegrams we cannot afford to go into details. The race was won by Megaphone, a three-year-old by Newbold—Sound, with 7st.up, a bay horse called Little Bernie, by Cheviot— Myrtle, being second, and Vespasia, aged, 8st., being third. Twelve others started, Megaphone winning easily by three lengths. This performance must be looked upon as a good one, as the winner was giving the second one 4lb. and a year. while he was only receiving a stone from the aged mare Vespasia. The racing season has only just commenced, but on looking through the few races that have been run the three-year-olds this season appear to be above the average, and when the principal meetings commence it is to be expected that some of last year's fliers will have their wings clipped.

THERE were thirty applicants for the position of secretary to the Christchurch Jockey Club at a salary of  $f_{250}$  a year. Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, of Hawera, who has for some time acted as secretary to the Egmont Racing Club, which owes a great deal of its success to Mr. Wanklyn's energies, was elected after a very close contest with Mr. Westmacott (who gave general satisfaction as temporary secretary during Mr. Penfold's absence in England). Mr. McKellar Wix, late secretary of the Nelson Racing Club, was a good third. In electing Mr. Wanklyn the Christchurch J. C. Committee have made a wise selection, as not only is he perfectly up in the business, but he is very popular with everyone, and will therefore perform his duties fearlessly and without favoritism.

On Wednesday last I went by invitation to see Major George's Stud Farm at Epsom. Not having been there for some years, I was greatly surprised and pleased to see the great improvements that had been made. A more perfect little stud farm I do not think could be found in the Colonies. There are only 40 acres, but the most has been made of them. The paddocks used for the thoroughbreds have a northerly aspect, with a good kind of turf and plenty of feed. The stables and sheds are all that could be desired. The day unfortunately turned out most unfavourable, there being a heavy north-east gale blowing, which before I had got all round the grounds terminated in a heavy downpour; therefore I saw things at their worst, and made rather a hurried inspection, but on a fine day one could pass several pleasant hours among the stock. The chief object of my visit was to have a good look at Nelson, who I had not seen since he was in training. On T. Hodson opening his box I was greatly surprised to find that instead of the coarse coaching kind of stallion that I thought Nelson would have grown into, one of the best thoroughbred entires I have seen for a long He was in splendid condition, not like time. a Smithfield ox, which many Colonial owners think is the proper state for a sire, but with plenty of hard flesh and muscle. Nelson is a horse that takes a great deal of looking at, and the longer you look the more you like him. His temper is about the best I ever saw in a stud horse; he will let you go about and handle him like an old hack. He stands about 16 hands 1 inch, with good shoulders, back and loins; he is well ribbed up, deep through the heart, and remarkably long from the round bone to the hock, and has plenty of bone; his legs are as clean as the day he was foaled. If you wished to find a fault with him you might do so with his tingus anu anns, wnicn light for a horse of his size, but the way he raced shows that this has been no detriment to him. Major George has-wisely-decided to limit him to a few approved mares. By so doing he is giving Nelson every chance, and I should not be at all surprised if he does not make a better name for himself at the stud than he did on the turf. I am told on good authority that Major Mair has a splendid yearling by him out of Corcyra by King Tom—Cerintha, by Newminster out of Queen Bee, which I intend seeing the first opportunity. After a long look at Nelson we went into the paddocks to the mares and yearlings. The former are four in number. The 

first was The Maid, b m bred by Mr. Wilson in 1881, by King of the Ring out of Maid of All Work by imp. King Alfred—Mischief (dam of First King and Petrea). She is a long, low, roomy mare, and is overdue to Nelson. Memphis, ch m, by Gang Forward—Palmyra by imp. South Australian out of imp. Zenobia by Kingston, I did not like so much. She is a nice topped mare, with a good barrel, but is decidedly light timbered and deficient in bone. She also is overdue to Nelson. Tenambra, b m, by the Marquis—Lady Manners Sutton by Pitsford—Green Linnet, is about the best of the matrons, being a nice roomy mare, with plenty of substance. She is also in foal to Nelson. Florence, by Papapa—Marchioness, has rather a nice foal at foot by Nelson. She is a mare I do not like, either in her shape or the breeding.

The yearlings are four in number. I saw them at a great disadvantage, as by the time I came to the paddock they were in it was raining heavily. The first to notice was a bay gelding by Nelson out of Florence. He is small and light of bone. A great mistake was made in cutting him too early, and not "proud" enough. He appears not to have recovered from the operation. Messrs. Barrow and Mannington, the two cleverest vets. in England, never cut thoroughbreds until they were over a year old and then very "proud." A chestnut filly by Nelson out of The Maid is of good size, but stands too high and straight on the legs. The chestnut filly by Nelson—Tenambra is a long, low young lady, with plenty of quality. and one that is sure to race and come early to hand. The chestnut filly by Nelson out of Memphis is another nice filly, but will require more time than the other. Tommy Hodson, who is in charge, had the whole of the stock in good condition, but I do not like the Colonial custom of letting the young stock run out in all weathers and only taking them in at night. On a cold day like last Wednesday they would have been much better under shelter, and the expense of so doing is not great.

THE Hawkesbury Meeting, as far as can be ascertained, has thrown no light on coming events. Prelude won the Guineas easy enough and Megaphone the Handicap. This was cer-tainly a smart performance of Megaphone's so early in the year, as he was giving four pounds and a year to the second and only receiving a stone from the aged mare Vespasia, who was The Victorian Club Handicap, ran at third Caulfield on August 23rd, introduced a light-weighted outsider for both the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups in Vengeance. It appears that he was quite unfit, and after losing start and running all over the course, he came so fast at the finish that he very nearly won. This performance evidently struck the attention of some of the knowing ones, as all the 2000 to 1 about the double were snapped up, and he was also coupled with a good many others for the Melbourne Cup. Vengeance's book record shows nothing, his last season's performances being decidedly bad, therefore the knowing ones may have got hold of a duffer after all. There is no change worthy of note in either the Caulfield or Melbourne Cups, nor is there likely to be until after the A.J.C. Meeting, which commences to-day. Owing to the uncertain arrival of Australian steamers information is very meagre, as you cannot say much in a cablegram. The principal race to be run to-day is the A.J.C. Derby, for which the high-priced gelding Titan is a great favorite. Last week his admirers had a great scare, but from all accounts he is right again. I am not one of his admirers, and would much sooner lay against than back him. On paper there is nothing to beat him, but it will not surprise me to see him go down, or at least only just get home. The three-year-olds this season are a particularly strong lot. The final payments for the Derby are not to hand, and will not be in time for me to know what are likely to start, therefore all I can tell my readers is that I have received capital accounts of Gibraltar and Gatling. A very shrewd judge says that the former, fit and well, will defeat Titan the first time they meet.

The Epsom Handicap of 10 sovs. each, with 1,000 sovs. added, one mile. There are some fifty or sixty horses left in. Out of these perhaps half of them will see the post, therefore I do not suppose any of my readers will be foolish enough to risk their money on such a race as

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this, as it is impossible to know until the numbers go up what will start. On recent running Vespasia, 8st. 2lb., appears to have a great show, as with 2lb. less she was third in the Hawkesbury Handicap, and her book record favors the idea that she prefers a mile to a mile and a half. Then, again, Teksum, Fabulous, Little Bernie, and several others read well, but at this distance away it would be much better to play "Yankee grab" with their money than back a horse for this race. The Spring Stakes of 10 sovs. each, with 500 sovs. added, w.f.a., one and a half mile, is of much more interest, for amongst the entries are such horses as Carbine, Melos, Prelude, Gresford, also the Auckland champion Cuirassier. In all probability the three first will go for it, and make an interesting race. Over this distance I fancy Carbine, but it would not surprise me if Prelude upset the pot. If it was a little further I should prefer Melos.

On the second day the Metropolitan Stakes is the principal event. There are seventeen left in so one may expect about a dozen will face the starter. Sir William, 8st 12lb, heads the list. His performances last season do not give you the idea that he will like a two mile journey with that weight. Marvel, 8st 10lb, I did not expect to see left in, as he has been talked about in connection with the Melbourne Cup, if this should be his journey he will take a great deal of beating. The Queen, 8st 2lb, is greatly fancied by some of the knowing ones. Vespasia, 7st 8lb, on her running in the Hawkesbury Handicap should run well, but I fancy that she will go for the Epson Handicap, if she does not incur a penalty she ought to hold Megaphone safe. Frisco, 6st 8lb, and Little Bernie are also talked about. Megaphone, from his running at Hr wkesbury, fis made the favorite, but I think he will find the distance a little too far for him. I funcy one of the older horses, The Queen, Marvel or Frisco and I take them in the order named.

The Craven Plate, w.f.a., one and q arter miles, has among the entries Carbine, Whimberel, Prelude, Melos, and Megaphone, in this race. I quite expect to see the mighty Carbine go down before one of the three-year-olds, Megaphone for choice. For the Randwick Plate, three miles, all the cracks are engaged, and Melos, in my opinion, will be returned the winner as I look upon him as the best horse in Australia over a distance of ground, and he may this year beat even Carbine over any course, as from all accounts he has greatly improved. In conclusion, I will say that in my humble opinion, Titan will not win the V.R.C. Derby and that neither Carbine or Cuirassier have a chance for the Melbourne Cup.

### ATHLETICS. By Nimblefoot.]

#### FOOTBALL.

The season will close to-day if Ponsonby beat Selwyn, which is very probable although Selwyn are getting together a very strong team. If Ponsonby win they secure the Senior Cup for this season. Ponsonby II. play Grafton II. and should Ponsonby win the match the Junior Cup rests with them, but should it end in a draw or a win for Grafton, Native Rose wins the Cup.

Madigan got hurt again playing for Garrett's Boot Factory against Zealandia Boot Factory.

Lyons playing for the Australians against the Marylebone C.C. made 20 boundary hits out of a score of 99.

A committee meeting of thh Auckland Amateur Athletic and 'Cycle Club was held at the Imperial Hotel last evening for the purpose of arranging date and drawing up a programme for the Club's spring meeting.

The Melbourne Athletic Club are anxious to make a match between Slavin and Jackson, and offer to lay the Sydney Club £1000 to £800 outside the Purse if the pair meet in Sydney. Should the men fight in Melbourne they name the odds the other way about.—Sydney Bulleten. A remarkable record has been made by Dr. E. B. Turner, who, on the Paddington track, rode three miles on a tricycle in 8min 6 2-6th sec. This beats the speed of all other kinds of cycles including the ordinary and safety bicycles. Dr. Turner is 36 years of age. He trains most carefully, and does not change the gearing of his machine like some other riders are so fond

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something more marvellous from the ordinary bicycle after this. Fancy the tricycle beating the bicycle !-N.Z. Referee. of doing. We may surely expect to hear of

Frank Shorland accomplished the feat of beating the late James Selby's famous coach record from Hatchett's Hotel, Piccadilly, to Brighton and back on the 25th June, distance about 108 miles. The coach record was made on the 18th July, 1888, the time being 7hrs 50min. and required 16 changes, or a total of 68 horses. Shorland left Piccadilly at 7 a.m. on a "geared Facile" and covered the distance in the remarkable time of 7hrs. 19min., thus beating the coach record by 31 minutes. Many unsuccessful attempts to lower the coach record had been made by other celebrated English cracks.—N.Z. Referee. cracks .- N.Z. Referee.

Bob Lusk was in rare form when playing for bob Lusk was in rare form when playing for the Strathfield Club against Parramatta at Sydney on August 23. He scored two tries and kicked three goals, or 12 points of the 18 scored by his side.—*Referee*.

The Sydney Bulletin states that the new English amateur walker, H. Curtis, is the finest and fairest walker since the days of Raby and is likely some day to do his eight miles within the hour, and has already beaten the English amateur records at 5, 6 and 7 miles at Aston, Birmingham.

Surry is the cricketing county this year in England, having rejoined its old place, Lanca-shire second, Yorkshire and Kent tie for third Nottingham being only fourth.--Svdney place Bulletin.

Pettengell, the New Zealand boxer, made a poor show with Jack Molloy at Mathews' Hall in Sydney. When Pettengell met the champion amateur boxer, Searle, he was merelya chopping block for the clever amateur.—Sydney Bulletin.

Says London Entr' Acte :- The Surrey professionals are as a class entirely superior to the paid men who some years ago worked for the county and the public houses at the same time. Men like Lohman and Maurice Read are better gentlemen than very many of our present amateurs.

The English Lawn Tennis Championship has been played and won. Never before has there been so much talent included. There were no been so much talent included. less than twenty champions and ex champions from all parts of England, Ireland, Wales, America, and even the West Indies, but Scotland was not represented. The tournament was played through almost incessant rain which made E. Renshaw and Lawfurd retire, not wishing to play on a wet court. The Irish Champion, W. J. Hamilton, defeated Barton in the final of the all-comers, and also the holder, W. Renshaw, in the championship round. W. Renshaw has been Champion for seven years Renshaw has been Champion for seven years and six of which were in succession. In the Ladies Championship the entries were most disappointing, only four ladies taking part. Miss Jack's defeated Miss Rice in the final for the all-comers. Mrs. Hillyard not defending her title to the Championship.

The Champion Trick Cyclist, Mr. W. S. Maltby, who was recently in Auckland, intends stopping at Honolulu a month and for a similar period at 'Frisco on his way home.

#### TROTTING.

THE following old trotting records may be interesting to some of our readers, showing that the pace has not so much improved during that the pace has not so much improved during the last century, especially when you take into consideration that the roads were not so good as they are at the present date, and in those days there were no trotting tracks. The follow-ing is the record of Mr. Ogden's mare in 1784. This mare is known in the Norfolk Trotting Stud Book as Ogden's Mare. Four miles in 12 min. 14 secs., ten miles in 32 min., thirty miles in 2 hours, forty miles carrying 14st., in 3 hours. The following is an American record for a late date :--Longfellow, in a wagon, four miles (California), December 31st, 1869, 10 min. 34½ secs; Satellite in harness, four miles, 341 secs; Satellite in harness, four miles, Keokuck, Ions, August 12th, 1887, 10 min. 52} secs.; Controller, in harness, ten miles, San Francisco, November 28th, 1878, 27 min. 231 secs.; John Stewart, in waggon, ten miles, Boston, June 30th, 1868, ten miles in 28 min. 21 secs.

#### SPORTING REVIEW.

#### DOES BREEDING PAY?

THE Australasian has a long article under the above heading, stating that it has often been answered both in England and Australia in the negative. Circumstances have altered since then, as prices for thoroughbreds have recently very much increased (vide Baron de Hirsch's 5,500 guineas for Memoir's yearling sister), principally caused by the very much more valuable stakes now run for, and in consequence of this enhanced value breeding *if properly con-ducted* will pay. Of course I allude more par-ticularly to thoroughbred stock. Breeding ticularly to thoroughbred stock. Breeding hacks, hunters, and carriage horses in New Zealand will not pay under present conditions. Who is there here who will give from 250 to 600 guineas for a well matched pair of carriage horses, and even if they would they would have to be at least four years old and a dead match, without any white, and good action. Contrast this with a thoroughbred, if he is of undeniable pedigree and of running blood his colour is immaterial and his shape of secondary conimmaterial and his shape of secondary con-sideration, as witness Tirailleur, a most ill shaped animal, but who brought 110 guineas as a yearling and who proved himself the first of a yearing and who proved ministri the datage his year, and who further proved the old adage "they will run in all forms." This price it will be noted was for a yearling, in contra-distinction to carriage horses of four years old, with all the risk of bringing them to that age without blemish, loss of life, and risk of cas-tration. As to hunters and hacks a man must be a bold one who would give  $\pounds_{15}$  a head for all who turn out with our hunt and take the lot, and half that money for the average hack we see in the streets, so that in talking of breeding as a paying speculation it is necessary to put half-bred horses, until a better market is found, out of court. In founding a stud company liberality in management, as far as regards the comfort of mares and foals in housing and parconnort of marcs and roars in nousing and par-ticularly in feeding, must be the the foundation of all success. It is infinitely better to err on on the side of over-feeding than the reverse, and although our climate and good grass will and annough our chimate and good grass will do a great deal, still oats and bran and plenty of them must be a *sine qua non*. Brood mares suckling a foal and in foal again, particularly want good feed, and they should have a full allowance of crushed oats and bran, say 12bs. per day, to be further increased as the foal grows and weaning time comes near. It is of consequence that the oats should be crushed, as if not they are likely to produce worms, and some mares are so greedy that they will require to be haltered to their manger and a separate manger for their foal, or they will drive the foal away. If the mare and foal are treated in this way the foal may be weaned in good time without any detriment to it, and to the manifest advantage of the mare, who should by that time be quick with foal, and here I should maintain the same liberal course of treatment, as you must bear in mind that the mare if not suckling is at least producing a foal, which is of course a great drain on her constitution. If the foal has been reared in the above manner and is of good constitution he should not miss his mother's milk, and this makes all the difference If the between a well and an ill reared colt. latter he will miss his mother and fall off wonderfully, and do what you like afterwards he will never make the colt he would have done. It is a well known fact amongst breeders, that if at weaning time the foal pines and loses his milk flesh, he will never get over it, feed him after how you may; and I believe want of ability to stay a distance, and carry weight, is to a certain extent intensified by want of attention to this matter, which is of paramount import-ance. It is of little avail that a high price should be paid for a brood mare and the services of a fashionable stallion if the foal is not well done by. It has been well said that the best part of breeding goes down the throat. There is no such thing as a foal standing still, he is either growing and making bone and muscle or roing backwards. going backwards. At the same time I wish to be understood that a state of fat is not a healthy state, far from it, as a foal after weaning if he has been properly looked after, should present the appearance of a minature horse, his muscle should stand out, and he should begin to show his shape. If fed as I have indicated he will voluntarily gallop about so much as to be in half training, and also greatly to the development of his muscle. Of all things a breeding establishment should not be

cramped for capital, it will be found that it is cramped for capital, it will be found that it is vastly better to have fewer mares properly done to, than a larger number which have not fair play, on account of want of funds to properly mate them. A stud company should always be in a position to either purchase or hire the services of any entire, which either from breed-ing or any other reason makes it desirable to ing or any other reason makes it desirable to employ, rather than use one they may own themselves at a smaller cost. I think there can be no doubt that a stud farm conducted on *liberal* lines, with a well selected stud of niares and entires of fashionable and running blood must with the increasing demand for racing stock pay, and pay well with judicious management. pay, and pay well with judicious management. And more particularly this is the case as regards. Auckland, with the prestage, it has already obtained in the colonies, it is no longer an ex-periment as to the class of thoroughbred we can breed, or as to the remunerative prices they bring under the hammer.

NUNQUAM DORMIO.

#### TO TELL THE AGE OF A HORSE.

To tell the age of any horse, Inspect the lower jaw, of course; The six front teeth the tale will tell, And every doubt and fear dispel.

Two middle "nippers" you behold Before the colt is two weeks old; Before eight weeks two more will come; Eight months the "corners" cut the gum.

The outside grooves will disappear From middle two in just one year; In two years, from the second pair; In three, the corners, two are bare.

At two, the middle "nippers" drop. At three, the second pair can't stop. When four years old the third pair grows. At five a full new set he shows,

The deep black spots will pass from view At six years from the middle two; The second pair at seven years; At eight, the spot each corner clears.

From middle "nippers," upper jaw, At nine, the black spots will withdraw. The second pair, at ten, are white. Eleven finds the "corners" light.

As times go on the horsemen know The oval teeth three-sided grow; They longer get, project before, Till twenty, when we know no more.

# SPORTING ITEMS.

George Bell, the jockey, who received a fall while schooling Apropos, has since died.

Mr. Martin Taylor has been appointed handicapper for the Ashburton Trotting Club.

It is stated that Mr. Henry Redwood has a splendid lot of yearlings by King Cole, the sire of Nelson.

It is stated the Chinese lottery banks in Australia make an average daily profit of  $\pounds^{225}$ amongst them.

The Taranaki Jockey Club have decided to hold a small meeting on Boxing Day, the stakes not to exceed £200.

Joseph French, who will be remembered by many English racegoers in the Colony as the trainer of Bendigo and other good horses, died at Newmark t on July 15.

Backers who attended the Rosehill pony and galloway races thad rather a bad time of it. There were fifty-three starters for the four ganoway races and rather a bat time of it. There were fifty-three starters for the four handicaps out of sixty-three entries, and out-siders won every time. The finishes were par-ticularly close. It will be some time before such a thing as this occurs at a legitimate meeting.

Penance, brown filly to Ingomar. N.Z. Stud Co.'s Mersey, a chesnut colt by Nordenfeldt.

Major Mair's Sweet Alice (The Dreamer's Dam)

a bay filly to Ingomar. Major George's Florence, colt by Nelson. Rosarina, filly by Nordenfeldt. This filly if she

has any luck should do the Papakura Stud great service, she is well enough bred for anything. Rosarina being by Traducer from Yatterina by Yattendon from Kohinoor.

Stud News on September 4;---Mr. C. C. Gordon's be w bitch Spruce by Welcome Jack—Myrtle, 9 whelps to Mr. T. Macready's blk w d Rocket by Tumult (imp)—Marchioness (imp). 5 dogs (z blk and w, 1 fawn, 1 blue and w, 1 white, blue spots), 1 slut (blue and w) kept. Mr. W. R. Wilson's mare, Linda, died in foaling at Sylvia Park, the foal was by St. Leger.

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The Stakes won at the late Auckland Trotting Club's Meeting will be paid over on Tuesday next, at Wattie's Hotel, Epsom at 8 p.m.

At Sylvia Park, Realisation has dropped a colt foal to Nordenfeldt, Amohia, filly to Ingomar, and Envious a colt to St. Leger.

The racehorse Cranbrook has been found hidden in a cave about twenty miles from where he was stolen. It is believed that he was taken for stud purposes.

Mr. W. Elliot, of Waitara, informs us that he has disposed of his stallion Flintlock (by Musket—Georgie) to Mr. D. Scott of Rangitikei for £400.

Lochiel is to stand at Widden, in New South Wales, his owners Messrs. J. and A. Thompson, having determined to take a few approved mares in addition to their own.—Australasian.

A Yankee horseman says there is as much in the breeding of jockeys as in that of horses. He says the cross should be: Sire Irish, dam English, granddam Jew. The Irish are devils, the English are bulldogs, and for hanging on Providence he favours the Jews.

According to the Napier correspondent of the *Referce*, Burd Helen has broken down badly and has had to be turned out. W. Proffit has purchased the gelding Lopez by Vasco de Gamma—Louie, from Mr. Bennett, and he has gone into D. Palmer's hands to be trained.

Cuirassier will run to-day for his first weightfor-age race in Australia. He is not quite so forward in condition as his stable would wish, and is started more to get a line than anything else. Should he run forward his price for the Melbourne Cup will undoubtedly shorten.

The betting on the New Zealand Cup has undergone a slight change during the past week owing to Dudu having been backed to win a few hundred. The mare is now quoted at 100 to 20, the same price as Tirailleur. Jet D'Eau is easier in the market. Merrie England still remaining favorite.—*Referee*.

A clever Flemington trainer, who lately paid a visit to Sydney, informs "Cranbrook," of the Sportsman, that one of the finest yearlings he has ever seen was a filly by Trenton out of Lord Exeter's dam Tiara. She is so forward that he would hardly believe that she was only ten months old.

The mare Eileen, by the Dauphin out of Duchess, owned by Mr. Standish, has wintered well. She is five years old and has shown a little form, but has been messed about. However, it is the intention of her owner to put her into work, and he hopes to bring off a good thing with her.

Mr. H. H. Hayr has sold his 4 year-old colt Sovereign by Guinea from Hippona to Mr. W. Elliot, the well-known breeder, of Waitara. He leaves on Monday for his new home. He is intended to be used for stud purposes, and as he has never been trained he should make his mark there as his constitution must be unimpaired.

The Auckland Racing Club have not yet passed the programme of the Onehunga Racing Club which is advertised to be run on the 4th October, the nominations were originally fixed for September 12th, and in consequence of the delay the date has been postponed till Sept. 19th. This uncertainty makes it very inconvenient for the Committee of the Onehunga Club and for owners of horses.

It was very amusing, says "Martindale," of the Town and Country, on Tuesday, August 20, to hear the various accounts of how Titan had broken down. At one corner the report would be that the horse was badly beaten in a gallop by Prince Consort, and when he pulled up it was found that he had completely broken down; another told how he had broken a blood-vessel, and various other causes were given. One bookmaker, supposed to be shrewd, offered 2 to 1 against the gelding for the Derby, and many thought he was a "goner." The fact, however, that the horse was out cantering during the afternoon set matters right. It appears there was some slight "stoppage," but Mr. Day, the celebrated vet., set matters right, and states that he was as sound as the day he was foaled. At Tattersall's meeting at Randwick the geldings more than held their own. The gelding Paddy, won the Tramway Handicap, two mares being second and third; two fillies and a gelding were the placed animals in the Two-yearold Stakes, and two geldings ran first and second for the Spring Handicap. The only entire to show up prominently was Pugilist, who won the Selling Race.

The Adelaide Grand National Steeplechase of 300 sovs. took place on August 16, and was won by Emilie, a b m by Emulation -Kylie Bann, 6yrs., 10st. 6lb., Punter, 9st. 7lb., second, and Tyro, aged, 11st., third. Madhi, 12st. 8lb., Gossip, 10st. 9lb., also started. Madhi was made the favorite at 2 to 1. In the second round he fell and broke his leg. Emilie started at 4 to 1, and won in a canter.

There are about 120 horses in training in the Napier district. Among them are half brothers to Clogs, Waitiri, and Piscatorious and half sisters to Tirailleur, Manton, Pasha, Katinka, Welcome Jack, Chancellor, and Precedence. Hawke's Bay will be well represented with juveniles this season, and Auckland will have to look to its laurels this season or they will take some of the Ellerslie plums.

We learn from "Augur" that Mr. James Wilson has disposed of his "Queenscliffe" estate to Mr. Donald Wallace, and has authorised Messrs. Robinson, Burns and Sparrow to dispose of his stock, etc., including several thoroughbreds that should be worthy of the attention of breeders. Among them are Young Dinah, by King of the Ring—Sea Spray, sister to Tradition; Erie, by Maribyrnong—Stella; and two two-year-olds, a colt by Malua out of Young Dinah, and a filly out of Progressive, also a yearling colt, by Off Colour—Lady Vernon.

In another column will be found an advertisement informing owners of racehorses that Tommy Hodson can ride 6st. 12lb. at four days notice. Some years ago he was the most popular jockey at Ellerslie Racecourse, but like many others he had a run of bad luck, the public then said he could not ride. At the present time there are many called jockeys that are really only butcher boys and would not be allowed to ride a decent horse a strong gallop in England. Tommy Hodson is a good judge of pace and can ride a horse home with his hands not flourshing his whip about like the sails of a windmill. If he only gets a fair chance he will show the racing public that he has neither lost his head or his nerve.

A little variety was caused at last week's Trotting Meeting by G. Wright having his string of two-year-olds on the course, and between the trotting races he had them all saddled, and with the colours up, and himself on Cissy, treated them to a small race on his own account. They all appeared quiet and used to the crowd. Constant lessons of this sort to Cissy will go far to cure her of that excitability and nervousness which she has hitherto exhibited when in a crowd. The string was composed of Tulloch by Sword Dance— Welcome Katie, Sybil by Leolinus—Atlantis, Roie by St. Leger—Hippona, and Brigand by Brigadier, who appeared the most forward in condition, although he has not so much grown as one might have expected to see. Roie, on the contrary, and for a filly especially, has plenty of size, and appears as if she would do her young sire, St. Leger, credit.

"Freelance," of the Sportsman, states that a member of the V.R.C., who was in the habit of giving or bartering away his grooms' tickets, was expelled a short time ago from the Club; but this did not act as a deterrent to others as a fortnight ago another gentleman holding a good position was also expelled from the ranks of the V.R.C. members, certain groom tickets supplied to him having been given away to "other gentlemen of position."—The same writer says that the beautifully.bred Vengeance, by Newminster out of Vindex, a five-year-old, with the feather weight of 6st. 12lb. in the Caulfield Cup and a couple of pounds less in the Melbourne Cup, stands a capital chance of appropriating the double from the way he ran in the Victorian Club Handicap, and on the Saturday night and Monday morning after the race he was backed freely for the double, and his name was coupled with almost everything likely to start in the Melbourne Cup. The New Zealand steeplechaser Sir Maurice, of whom we spoke last week, as once a member of Bland Holt's Company, used to come on in the sale act of "New Babylon." He was, named after Sir Maurice O'Rorke, Speaker of the New Zealand Assembly. was owned by a cabman and valued as a discarded racehorse at  $\pounds zo$ . Now that he has forsaken the stage and rehabilitated his racing reputation, his present owner, the boss of a hash foundry, would not take, it is said,  $\pounds 500$  for him.—*Referee*.

A London exchange of July 18 states that the donor of the three £1000's that have been given as stakes at Newmarket to encourage long distance racing turns out to be Mr. C. D. Rose, who is a supporter of Jarvis' stable. This is the gentleman who, as "Mr. Adrian," bought The Prince off Charles Blanton to try and win the Derby of 1883, when St. Blaise proved successful. The first of the three races donated to by this gentleman was run at the Newmarket Second July Meeting and was won by Prince Soltykoff's Sheen, by Hampton—Radiance; beating a field of 21. Lady Betty started, but was unplaced. The distance of the race was a mile and a half.

The Royal Commission on Horse-breeding, appointed in England, has obtained a lot of useful information from veterinary surgeons, trainers, etc. Dr. Fleming declares that short distance races are the cause of a great deal of the increase in roaring, because the strain on a horse's windpipe is much more sudden in five furlong races than longer ones. He also says that no horse should be raced until he is three years old. Matthew Dawson, the famous trainer, differs from the worthy doctor, his opinion being that training and racing twoyear-olds in moderation tends to develop them as animals, and improves them. The question as to what constitutes hereditary unsoundness was considered, and it was decided that the following should render sires liable to disqualification for Queen's premiums: — Roaring, whistling, sidebone, ringbone, navicular disease, curb, bone spavin, bog spavin, grease, shivering, cataract. To these were added, under certain circumstances, splint, stringhalt, weak feet, contracted feet, brissal enlargements, such as thoroughpin and windgalls.—" Augur," Australasian.

It is difficult to understand the idiocy which induces people to send their stamps and post office orders to the racing tipster, but the mental condition of the idiots may be partly judged from the fact that the chaff in *Punch*: was lately taken quite seriously, and solemn requests for tips, accompanied by stamps, sent to the writer of "In the know" of Mr. Punch. Mr. Priofee, a new hand on Punch-one who has often brightened these columns and en-lightened readers on racing matters — has started a parody of the sporting correspondents of Truth who weekly fire off abusive adjectives and substantives on all and sundry. After all sorts of chaff about the horses the *Punch* writer wound up with, "that is all I have to say in the meantime, but anyone desiring further information is requested to apply to me by letter, at the office, enclosing stamps for a reply. All who are not in a state of niddy-noddying, anserous-asenine, gruel-brained, pumpkin-faced gooseberry-eyed, imbecility, will of course do so." Will it it be credited, but it is true—that so." a believer in tipsters searching for information got hold of *Punch*, and actually wrote to "our prophet" as follows:—W——, June 10th, 1890; Dear Sir,—In the last issue of your paper it is said anyone wanting any more information was to send 12 stamps to your office, which L was to send 12 stamps to you once, which I enclose, for your information on the Royal Hunt Cup. Would you please send word for what other races you send information. Yours, Mr. W. B." Fancy that! The amusing part of the business is that "Mr. Punch's Own Prophet" sent back the clean stamps, with an expression of rewret that equips to an unfor expression of regret that owing to an unfor-tunate delay they had not reached him in time, and thus he was prevented from replying, and begging his correspondent to back Marion, as he was certain it would beat Philomel by three lengths at least, and Dollar, who would be third, by a good deal more. Imagine the agony of Mr. W. B. at learning that he had missed. The racing tipsters seem to be as hard at it in Australia as at home—their pretensions are equally absurd and their assertions no less preposterous.-Sporting and Dramatic.

The often attempted feat of swimming across the Straits of Dover has again been satisfac-torily accomplished by Mr. Dalton, who swam from France to Folkestone. The time occupied was 24 hours, and the distance 60 miles. Those who know the great currents which run here, and the high sea generally on, will admit this was a feat of great endurance.

One of the sharpest tricks ever played in connection with the disposal of a horse has to he noted. Last week a well-known auctioneer from Gore was instituting inquiries about a certain trotting mare which he had sold on behalf of a client under very suspicious circumstances. The mare, said to be named Norah and being by Childe Harold, an American sire, was placed in his yard for sale, and on the day a telegram signed "Taggart" reached the auctioneer in question authorizing him to go as high as  $\pounds 60$  for the mare on his (Taggart's) account. The mare was duly purchased for account. The mare was duly purchased for some £55 the vendor receiving the amount less commission and expenses, but Mr. Taggart when communicated with denied all knowledge of the mattter, and not having authorized the purchase, the mare, which I understand has been identified as the Virgin, has been left on the auctioneer's hands, and now the where-abouts of the party who sold the auctioneer is engaging attention.—"Spectator," Weekly Press.

# MATCH BETWEE CAPT. LAMB'S VIVIAN AND LORD WATERFORD'S COCK ROBIN, FOR 2,000 SOVS.

After the fatigues of the day a large party assembled at Aylesbury, to celebrate the con-clusion of the sports and to recount the "accidents by flood and field" which had been encountered. Harmony and good humour prevailed among all classes, and a match was made between Lord Waterford's Cock Robin and Capt. Lamb's Vivian, for 1,000 sovs. a side, 500 forfeit, to come off in the first week in December, in the Harborough country. This match came off on Monday, Dec. 1, in pur-December, in the Harborough country. This match came off on Monday, Dec. 1, in pur-suance of agreement, in the Harborough County, Leicestershire. The terms were 1,000 sovs. a side, the Marquis of Waterford to ride his own horse, and Capt. Beecher Vivian. Weights, 12st. 7lb. each. Independent of the amount of the stakes, the high respectability of the parties engaged, excited an extraordinary degree of interest and all the sporting classes degree of interest, and all the sporting classes of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire were on the *qui vive*. Mr. Green of Rolston, a on the *qui vive*. Mr. Green of Kolston, a gentleman well-known as a sportsman of high honour and experience, was selected as the stakeholder and umqire, and to him was entrusted the task of choosing the ground, which was of course kept secret from the parties immediately concerned until the motning of the start when it hereare publicly known : the the start, when it became publicly known; the line of country picked out being from a farm belonging to Mr. Watson at Shangton Holt to belonging to Mr. Watson at Shangton Holt to Ram's Head cover, over about four miles of a very bold and difficult country, including a brook, some rasping double fences, and a heavy hill to run up to the winning flags. Shortly before I the horses were led to Mr. Watson's farm, where the riders were weighed, and the usual preliminaries adjusted; and at half-past I the noble Marquis and Mr. Beecher mounted. The horses appeared in the highest condition, and especially Cock Robin, while the riders evinced all that steady coolness and determination which their approaching struggle determination which their approaching struggle required. The Marquis was the favourite at 7 to 4-

Everything being in readiness they proceeded to the flag-post, and the word "go" was given by Mr. Green. Neither seemed disposed to by Mr. Green. Neither seemed disposed to make play at starting, and cautiously walked for the first four or five hundred yards. Mr. Beecher, finding there was no use in hanging back, as his noble antagonist was determined to wait upon him, quickened his pace, and went off at a brisk gallop. The Marquis was with him, and away they went in spanking style, keeping Knowsley Hall and Goadby on the right. For the first mile they kept well icogether, taking their leaps in admirable style. the right. For the first mile they kept well together, taking their leaps in admirable style, after which they took up different lines—the Marquis going to the left, thereby crossing Mr. Beecher, and the latter keeping his straight course to the right, where the fences were most desperate; in crossing the road Capt. Beecher's horse, from the crowd which pressed on him, baulked at a fence, and had to turn,

whereby the Marquis got at least a hundred yards the lead. The Marquis then again took the right, Mr. Beecher resuming his direct iine. The Marquis again crossed to the left, and the pace became tremendous; again did Capt. Beecher's horse baulk at a fence, and the Mar-quis left him full three hundred yards in the rear. On coming within three fields of home, however, the Marquis got into a dingle or hog, which enabled Mr. Beecher to dingle of bog, which enabled Mr. Beecher to regain his lost ground, and swerving to the left, leaving the Marquis in his trouble, he crossed over the crown of an arch. At the next fence they were breast and breast, the Marquis to the right and Mr. Beecher to the. left. The running now became desperate, the Marquis conting were Mr. Beecher and greating Marquis gaining upon Mr. Beecher, and getting well into the winning field first. The odds were now ten to one on the Marquis, and the cheering shouts of his friends almost pro-claimed him the victor. Mr. Beecher, however, having cleared the fence in turn, closed upon his lordship, and burst up the hill at a killing pace, and won with good jockeyship by two clear lengths, amidst the acclamations of his friends and to the discomfiture of the Marquis, who, however, bore his defeat with manly good humour. He admitted he was fairly beaten, but remarked that at least as much was due to the rider as to the horse, a feeling in which all participated; and had Cock Robin not swerved so repeatedly from the direct line (having crossed from right to left five times, we believe), and had he not got into the dingle, which Mr. Beecher so happily avoided by crossing the arch, there is no doubt that he would have been the winner. A better contested, or more ad-mirably ridden race, has perhaps never been witnessed; and notwithstanding the obstacles which were presented, there was not a single which were presented, there was not a single fall. The horses came in remarkably fresh, notwithstanding the speed which had been maintained, and the breather which they had to breast at the finish. The distance, we un-derstand, was done in 13 minutes and 20 seconds. At the conclusion the riders, who did not dismount, returned to Mr. Watson's farm, where they again went to scale, and there being no objection, two one-thousand pound bank post-bills, were handed to Capt. Lamb.— Bell's Life, 1834.

### BETTING QUOTATIONS. NEW ZEALAND CUP. NEW ZEALAND CUP. 100 to 25 Merrie England. 100 — 18 Dudu. 100 — 16 Tirailleur. 100 — 14 Jet d'Eau, Crackshot, Medallion 100 — 10 St. Andrew. 100 — 8 Occident, Meta, Wolverine, Thackeray Mariner. Thackeray, Mariner. 100 — 7 Cynisca. 100 — 4 Recluse, Queen of Trumps, Richlake, Whisper. 100 — 3 St. James, Freedom. 100 — 2 Reprisal, Fitzjames. 100 - 2 Katinka. 100 — 2 to 1 the others. MELBOURNE CUP. 100 - 8 Carbine. 100 - 7 Cuirassier. 100 - 6 Melos. 100 - 6 Tantallon. 100 — 5 Prince Consort, Marvel, Oakleigh Pakeha. 100 — 4 Manton, Dreadnought, Chaldean, Titan. 100 — 3 Tradition, Singapore, Gresford, Sir William. 100 - 2 to 1 others. A. J. C. DERBY. 5 - 4 Titan. 7 - 4 Gibraltar. 10 — 1 Paris. 14 — 1 Gatling. 20 - 1 Others. METROPOLITAN STAKES. 3 — 1 Megaphone. 7 — 1 Paris. 7 — 1 Paris. 8 — 1 'Frisco.

- 10 1 The Queen, Vespasia, Little Bernie 15 1 others.

Magazine editor (to sub.)-" You'll have to leave out your literary notes this month, on account of the pressure on our art department." Sub.—"Another portrait of Lincoln?" Editor— "No—three new soap advertisements."

# AUCKLAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC AND 'CYCLE CLUB.

THE Spring Meeting of the above Club will be held on the domain cricket ground, on Satur-day the 22nd November. The following is the programme passed at a committe meeting held. last evening

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Mr. Mathew Dawson, in a chat with a representative of a London exchange recently, he said : "Amongst good horses, in my experience," said: "Amongst good horses, in my experience, were Touchstone, Alice Hawthorn, Beeswing; West Australian, and Normanby; but to come to later times, I don't think I ever knew such a horse as St. Simon. Staying was not his forte, perhaps; but nothing could make him go fast enough to tire himself, so no one could judge him for certain on that point." St. Simon is the sire of Mr. W. R. Wilson's mare Beanfeast, who ran third to Spiffen on Saturday.—Sportswho ran third to Spiffen on Saturday.-Sportsman

Mr. McElwain, the Wanganui horse-owner, has decided upon erecting a marble slab to the memory of his old chaser, Oddfellow, who died on the 22nd of last month. The work has been completed, the performances of the son of Painter and Silver Cloud being written on the face. The names of Messrs. McElwain on the face. The names of Messrs. McElwain and O'Neil, who owned the horse at the time of his death, of Dick Wheeler, who trained, and of T. Cameron, who rode him in many of his races, are also carved thereon. Oddfellow won fifteen out of forty races, was second fourteen times, third three times, and unplaced eight times, on several occasions having fallen, thus being deprived of victory. A gamer horse than Oddfellow never looked through a bridle, and Mr. McElwain was very fond of him. — Weekly Press.

"That boy can't travel with a half ticket. He's much too old," said the ticket collector at North Melbourne. "He was quite an infant when we left Geelong, replied the woman meekly. "We didn't know it was such a long meekly. journey."

Journey." So would he.—Aunt Mary—"Poor Budge! Does your tooth ache yet? If 'twere mine, dear, I'd have it out at once." Budge—"If 'twere your! Well, auntie, so would I." He stood with his ear to the telephone at a

He stood with his ear to the telephone at a time when he hadn't oughter, and he caught the voice in a distant room of his only child—a daughter. The sounds he heard to his heart straight went, like the stroke of a reaper's sickle. "Oo! Oo! good gracious. Neddy dear, how your moustache does tickle!" Poor Fishing.—First Boy—" Did you catch anything?" Second Boy—" Not until I got home."

home." "His is a singular absence." "Plural you mean. He ran off with another fellow's wife." First Fisherman: What luck? Second Fisherman; None at all. Can't get the cork

Fisherman; None at all. Callt get the conk out. "Now, Johnny, you know what a noun is, do you?" "Yeth. 'um." "What is Jeru-salem?" "An ejaculation, mum." Kind Lady: "I suppose your lot is full of hardships" Tramp: "Indeed it is, mum. In th' winter, when the farmers is doin' nothin' but eatin' apples an' drinkin' cider it is too cold for us to tramp, and in the summer we're allers offered work." Diamond.—Farmer Eli (going

offered work." Diamond-cut-Diamond.—Farmer Eli (going home from the grocer's): "Here, Dave, have some more o' this cheese." Farmer David: "Shoved quite a hunk of it into yer pocket, didn't ye." Farmer Eli: "Yes, but old Prunella got the best of me, though. See him charge me two cents for that half-dozen clothes pins? They are only three cents a dozen."

### THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

THE Trotting Club races came off last Saturday at Potter's Paddock, Epsom. The day was all in its favour, being the first bright sunny day we have had for some time, and the sun having now some power made a day in the country most enjoyable, consequently the attendance was very good. Mr. A. Harris was judge, Messrs. Halstead and Wattie starters, and Mr. C. F. Mark secretary. There were no disputes or objections and everything passed off quietly and pleasantly, and the committee and secretary might have been highly commended had they not committed the unpardonable sin of un-punctuality in starting, which so delayed matters that the last race had to be postponed on account of the darkness, and the last two which were run were no pleasure to witness on account of the dim light and coldness at sunset. This is a failing which most young clubs are guilty of, and shows a great want of business capacity and that courtesy which is due to the public. See the position the club would in this instance have been placed had a dead heat, a protest, or anything occurred which would have caused an unavoidable delay. As it was, by negligence, they could not carry out their programme in its integrity, and a dead heat would have made the postponement of more races requisite. As I said before this unpunctuality is a common failing in young clubs, and the cause of much dissatisfaction and shows a want of firmness in the powers that be in carrying out their own rules, as the jockey or trainer renders himself liable to a fine not exceeding for not being at the post at the appointed time. Fining; and starting without those causing the delay, would speedily teach trainers

and owners the necessity of punctuality. Everything must have a beginning and so I suppose must trotting races. The class of horses here engaged were very much below par, it would be flattery to call any animal engaged a trotter. The shining light, Mount, who was the winner of the two principal events might be called a good dog cart horse, as he certainly is not within 30 secs. of trotting form.

At the same time trotting races should encourage the breeding of trotters, and the finding out of any natural trotters we may possess, and it is to be hoped that the extra training and special attention now directed to them may result in finding and breeding a superior class of animal to that which we at present possess. . .

The following are the results :—
HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT of 30 sovs. Two miles. Mr. H. Andrew's ch g Mount (Crowther), 30s 1
Mr. R. S. Bird's b g Sultan (Harford), 20s 2
Mr. J. Scott's ch g Laddie, 50s 3
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SELLING TROT of 15 sovs. Two miles and a half.
Mr. H. Windsor's b m Rambuster (Thorpe), 305
Mr. C. E. Abbott's g g Dick (Harford), 30s 2
Mr. W. McMillan's br m Jeanette (owner), 45s 3
The winner was sold for £15 5s., the owner buying her
in. Dividend f1 18s. Time 8m. 304s.
PONY CUP HANDICAP of 40 sovs. Seven furlongs.
Mr. J. Cummlns' b m Locket, 5 yrs, 9st 8lb (Mc-
Minnamin)
Mr. C. H. Hornblow's r g Sepoy, aged, 7st 7lb (Ichnston). 2
(Johnston) 2 Mr. H. Allen's b f Cupid, 3 yrs, 6st 10lb (Smith) 3
Time; 1m. 40s. Dividend £1 15.
HANDICAP TROT of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10
sovs from the stakes. Three miles.
Mr. H. Andrew's ch g Mount, 35 sec (Tanner) I
Mr. D. Harford's b g Hard Times, 30 sec (owner) 2
Mr. H. Windsor's b m Rambuster, 55 sec (J. Thorpe) 3
Time, 9m. 35s. Dividend, £3 17s.
HANDICAP PONY TROT of 20 sovs. Two miles.
Mr. W. Burnside's g m Mary Jane, 45 sec I
Mr. R. Henwood's b m The Maid, 45 sec 2
Mr. W. Greenwood's b m Jessie, 25 sec 3
Dividend, £11 175.
HANDICAP PONY HURDLES of 30 sovs. One mile and a
half.
Mr. W. S. Evans' b g Reuben, aged, 7st 9lb I
Mr. W. Greenwood's br g Pica, aged, 9st 2 Mr. Forth's b g Gameock, aged, 7st olb 3
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A protest has been entered against Mount,
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the winner of the Maiden and Handicap
Trotting races.
On Tuesday afternoon the Forced Handicap
Trot of 15 sovs., two miles and a half, post-
poned at the Auckland Trotting Club's meet-
ing on Saturday took place at Potter's Paddock,
Epsom. Between 200 and 300 people were

present. The race was won easily by Hard Times (15 secs) Comet (25 secs) being second. Twelve horses started. The totalisator dividend was £1 14s. for 10s. tickets.

The sum of  $\pounds_{1,110}$  was passed through the totalisator.

#### VICTORIAN CLUB RACES.

By this Mail we have full particulars of the above races which were run on the 23rd August, in beautiful weather to a large attendance. The Governor, Lord Hopetoun, was present and had the pleasure of seeing a colt named after him win the 2 year old Handicap. The Victorian Club Handicap was won by the Auckland bred Precedence, by Musket from Maid of Honour. The race was won easily by a length and a half. The betting was to to t against her. Mr. F. T. Dakin who owned Precedence some time ago always had a good opinion of her, and this performance shows she only wanted time to improve into a good mare.

The Steeplechase of 2 miles was won by Mr. S. Miller's Studley, 12st. 4lb,, Mr. R. Goodison's Beetroot, 10st. second, Mr. Clark's Eaglet, 12st 10lb. third, Mr. J. Rae's Guy Fawkes, 11st. 4lb. fourth; time, 4m.  $7\frac{3}{4}$ sec., our readers will be sorry to hear the old Auckland favorite, Guy Fawkes, broke down.

#### WAIKATO HUNT CLUB RACES.

The following weights have been declared for the Waikato Hunt Club Races which are to be held on Allwill's Course, Cambridge, on the oth inst .

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HURDLES.
Bb. 10.         12 4         Yum Yum         10 12           Wideawake         12 4         Glencoe         10 10           Peler         11 11         Bob         10 10           Begorra         11 7         Ledbury         10 4           Fisherboy         10 12         Young Performer         10 4           Costley         10 12         All Fours         10 4
Yum         Yum         12         0         Lonely         10         7           Begorra         11         4         Miss Rigg         10         4           Glencoo         11         4         Miss Rigg         10         4           Olencoo         11         4         Miss Rigg         10         4           Dick Turpin         11         0         Frisherboy         10         0           Grace Darling         11         0         Sceptress         9         7           Mararoa         10         10         10         10         10
HANDICAP MAIDEN FLATE. 80
Grace Darling
STEEPLES. 10 4 Hurricane
Peter         11         7         Glencoe         10         4           Dick Turpin         11         3         Yum         10         4           Onslow         10         7         Gamecock         10         0           Fisherboy         10         7         Marmion         10         0           Costley         10         4         Muscatelle         10         0
Acceptances are due on the 13th inst.
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HAWKE'S BAY SPRING MEFTING.
WEIGHTS.
FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES.
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Uranus       II       I2       Taupo       9       II         Waterfall       II       5       Taurekaitai       9       IO         Premium       II       3       Pizarro       9       8         Darnley       II       2       Sedgwick       9       7         Argo       IO       5       Theorem       9       7         Leonardo       IO       4       Violet       9       5         Raven       IO       0       Blue Mountain       9       0
FLYING HANDICAP, of 75 sovs., six furlongs.
Whisper       9       6       Boulanger       7       12         Cynisca       8       12       Bay King       7       11         Medallion       8       8       Dreamland       7       10         Kotuku       8       5       Leonia       7       9         St. Andrew       8       4       Pearl Powder       7       8         Meta       8       3       Cartouche       7       8         Strephon       8       3       Dryad       7       8         Medidie       8       1       Seraph       7       4         Crackshot       8       1       Dauphine       7       0         Huerfana       7       13       13       13
SPRING HANDICAP, of 250 sovs, one mile and a half.
Cynisca       8       9       Boulanger       7       5         Medallion       8       4       Bay King       7       4         St. Andrew       8       0       Kapo       7       4         Lenore       7       13       Queen of Trumps       7       3         Kotuku       7       12       Dreamland       7       3         Meta       7       12       Man Friday       7       2         Strephon       7       11       Leonie       7       2         Katinka       7       11       Pearl Powder       7       0         Aronoel       7       10       Cartouche       7       0         Medjidie       7       7       Tit       6       10         Leolantis       7       7       Seraph       6       7

The entries for the English Derby are to hand. Mr. D. Cooper, of Australia, has five entered, and the Darebin colt purchased in America by Mr. L. de Rothschild is also among the entries. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has four to his name, including a sister to Sanfoin. Altogether there are 265 entries. The Oaks has closed with 194 entries; the Prince of Wales has one and Mr. D. Cooper three nominations. Sector galaxy and the sector

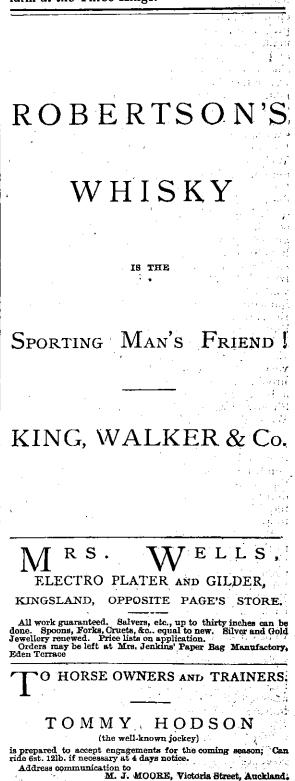
#### [September 13, 1890.]

#### PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

On Saturday last, 6th Sept., the hounds met at Green Lane, where there was a good muster, consisting of the Master and Miss Percival, Mr. and Miss McLaughlin, Col. Dawson, Messrs.' Dunnett, Lockhart, Garrett, Wallace, Boord, Tonks, Hanna, Kettlewell, Butler, O'Neill and various others.

There was an excellent drag laid by C. Warren and George Hope over the One Tree Hill estate (by kind permission). The start was made from a point on the South road close to the late Mr. Scarrott's property, crossing the Onehunga road and then right to the top of the hill and across the road from the Harp of Erin to Onehunga, where there was a good double jump, then right up to the Onehunga Waterworks then a turn to the right where the drag made straight for the Royal Oak at Onehunga. The fences right through were good bold jumps with fine going at them, and was the cleanest bit of country that the club have had a chance of riding over this season. There were a few falls, prominent amongst them being the trainer of Hurricane, the old horse proving too quick round corners for his rider. The hounds proved very fast and ran in a cluster. The forward division was lead by Colonel Dawson on Ike, Mr. Lockhart on Fisherman, whilst close up came Mr. Hanna on Tawhiao, Mr. Boord on a chesnut, Mr. Garrett on Guadalquiver, Tom Brown on Gay Lad, and Cydil Tonge on his pony. This was the fastest affair of the season. It was short, sharp, and sweet, all expressed their satisfaction at the run and com-plimented those that laid the drag.

The hounds meet to-day at Mr. James Hayr's farm at the Three Kings.



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[Volunteers and others are invited to contribute to this column. All communications should be addressed to "Carbine," and left at the office of this paper not later than Wednesday in each week.]

RANGE TIME TABLE. Beptember 13-Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles, Royal Lrish Rifles. -NorA; 20-Auckland Navals, Ponsonby Navals. ; 27-"A" Battery, "O" Battery, Engineers.

# BY CARBINE.

The first stage of the Martini Henri Quarterly competitions was fired on Saturday last, the ranges being 300, 500 and 600 yards. 7 shots at each distance. The club is now divided into at each distance. The club is now divided into two classes thus saving a deal of trouble handicapping. The principal scorers are:----ist Team: Gun. C. P. Taylor, A.B., 83; Capt. Tobin, R.I., 81; Robt. Osborne, C.G., 77; P. O. Spinley, P.N.A., 75; Sgt. Parslow, A.B., 75; Bomb. Webster, A.B., 74; M. Kelley, 74 -Lieut.: Haultain, A.B., 72; Col. Sgt. Skinner, V.R., 71; Pvt. M'Carty, V.R., 71; Pvt. Nutt, N.R., 70; Gun. E. Buchanan, A.B., 70; Gun. Henderson, A.B., 67. 2nd Team: Mr. Ansell, 66; Mr. Lewis, 64; Mr. Thorne, 58. Capt. Miller of the Ponsonby Navals has presonted a Medal to the company to be fired

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presented a Medal to the company to be fired for, there being two competitons, the first one taking place on Saturday next, Sept. 20. The ranges are 200, 300 and 500 yards, 7 shots at each distance. The Medal has to be won twice in succession or three times at intervals.

From an extract of the New Zealand Gazette of 27th August, we learn that the Governor has approved the promotion of Lieut. J. Leahy to Captain of the Onehunga Rifles. The promotion is dated July 2nd, 1890.

The Wairoa Rifles have generously voted £3out of the funds of the company in aid of the survivors of the Charge of the Light Brigade.

After a lapse of about 18 months since the disbanding of the Gordon Rifles, a meeting was called last Monday of the late members and was largely attended. The funds showed a balance of  $f_{20}$  agreed to expend the sum in a challenge shield, and present dt to the Auckland District to be fired for by teams from each company, the late Gordon's also having the right to enter. A committee 'was formed consisting of Messrs. J. G. Buchanan, White, Fairs, and Leigh, to purchase the shield and also to collect several outstanding accounts with which they intend to purchase another trophy.

I notice the first team of the Victoria Rifles are going in heavy training for the forthcoming match with the 'A' Battery, having all had a practice together one day this week.

The Poinsonby Navals paraded at the drill shed on Monday last, for their monthly inspection, there being about 50 men present, under Capt Miller and Lieut. Dacre. A detachment was told off to drill on the 64 pounder while the remainder were put through a course of

Torpedo inspection by the Permanent staff. Sergeant Kearney of the Victoria Rifles took over the recruit class this week and proved

himself very efficient. The Hon. Capt. Russell in introducing the Defence Bill into the House stated that the total amount asked for to defray the expenses of the colony amounted to £165,826 and he said it was impossible to reduce these estimates. He stated they had 78 field pieces, some of them most complicated, which required specially trained men not only to work them, but also to keep them in order. In addition to officers there are 109 gunners, but to make a detachment for each of these pieces it requires 616 men to man the batteries. He also informed them that if they would allow him to re-organise the Volunteer Forcé he would do so with  $\not$  10,000 less than was spent by his predecessors. The members criticised Capt. Russell's scheme for some time and it was finally passed with a reduction of  $\pounds 7000.132$ 

WT taining in Queensland seems to be carried on in a very primitive manner, as a correswell known trainer and jockey, has been severely injured at Sandgate, while schooling a horse called Trooper. The hurdles, it appears, were fixed close to a fence on the top of which was some barbed wire. The horse refused to jump, and smashed into the fence. McLaughton had his clothes torn off, and was severely lacerated about the body, but luckily no bones were broke .- Town and Country.

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