

TROTTING.

The trotters Mummell Maid and Mummell Childe were offered at auction in Sydney last week, and passed in at 48 guineas and 70 guineas respectively.

Mr A. D. Playfair, of Sydney, has purchased the champion pacer Ribbonwood from Mr Price for 1000 guineas. It is said that the black son of Wildwood will take up stud duties, in which case the question as to whether he is a better horse than Almont is not likely to be settled.

When Lou Dillon starts to beat 1:58½ this season she will pull a sulky weighing just 24 pounds and will carry on all four feet just 16 ounces of shoes. The combined weight of her driver, Sanders, including sulky, harness, boots and shoes, will not aggregate over 180 pounds.

Here is a story which will be appreciated by the trainers: An owner of a 2:30 trotting mare wrote a trainer that he would lease her for the ensuing season, adding that he had expended all the money he cared to on the mare, but believed that she should earn some money in her class. The trainer wrote back to this effect: "Your mare may be all that you claim for her and a money winner in her class. As you know her better than I do, and do not care to spend another dollar on her, then it is quite certain that I don't."

The successful breeder of trotting stock is the one who more nearly succeeds in making every colt a perfect one (says the "Breeder and Sportsman"). Just so soon as it is possible for a breeder to find a fair market for each and every foal, just so soon the establishment is placed on a paying foundation. The rearing each year of a few colts which find new owners at high prices is not a sign that the breeder is an unqualified success. There have been instances without number where a nursery of trotting stock has turned out phenomenal youngsters, but accompanying these have always been a lot which have sold for a mere song. Of course it has not always been the case that the high-priced ones have turned out to be the great racehorses and money earners. But in accounting for the deficit at the end of the year it has too often been found that the raising of a lot of no account youngsters of no particular merit has turned what might have been a profitable business into more or less of a lottery with the blanks greatly predominating. These youngsters, of royal lineage, have too often proved to be of no value either for race, road, business or family use. Barring their pedigree they have turned out to be just plain, ordinary scrubs. The ideal ever present in the mind of the breeder is to turn out annually a crop of foals of individual excellence. It is an Utopian fancy, but nevertheless one eagerly striven for.

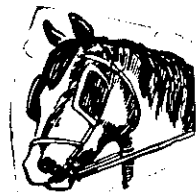
A most remarkable old mare was recently killed in Maine, who is thus described by the "Turf, Farm and Home": "Kitty, the Hotel Coburn, Skowhegan, delivery horse, was killed on Saturday,

Is our climate an overrated one, or are the present varying samples of weather merely the results of the tremendous storms in the sun which we dimly see as spots on its face? Whatever the answer may be, it is certain that every second person one meets is feeling the effects, and these generally show in a general depression and lassitude, an all-round unfitness for business, which makes of work a weariness and of the pursuit of pleasure a toil. Some people seem completely prostrated, and yet do not realise what is the matter. In others, the malady takes the form of eczema, boils, blotches on the skin, and other signs of impaired health. Cases frequently occur of people being debilitated and languid for years, and the physician, when consulted, can do but little to help. There must be some remedy for this state of affairs, and fortunately for us all this has been found. It has been achieved by getting to the bed-rock of the trouble, which is the condition of the blood. When this is impure then the whole body suffers. Purify the blood and the various diseases are banished at once. Nothing better has ever been discovered for this than Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which removes the cause of disease by enriching the blood, thereby strengthening and building up the body, and soon good health returns. There are thousands of people in the Colonies and elsewhere who can testify to the wretched state they were formerly in, and now that once again they can really enjoy life naturally they are prepared to extol the praises of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

she having been so infirm from old age as to be unable to stand. She was one of the most remarkable horses in the country. Her age was 46, and for 25 years she has been employed on the Coburn baggage waggon. She knew the hour of the arrival and departure of all trains, and if for any reason her driver did not start for the depot when she heard the train whistle she would go without him and back into the place reserved for her without help. Woe betide the horse which ever secured her regular position, for there was sure to be trouble."

There's dozens of remedies mother has tried, If we hadn't been strong, I expect we'd have died. For weeks we've been moping and swallowing trash, And when there's a lot it walks into the cash. I agreed with my Dad, who says "Woods is a brick For showing the world how to cure a cold quick; No need to be laid up for weeks, when you may Take Peppermint Cure, and be well in a day.

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THE BETTING MARKET

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP 700 to 7 Blackstone 600 to 16 Float 600 to 15 Black Reynard 500 to 7½ Sandy 400 to 24 Achilles 400 to 8 Ouidaform 200 to 14 Melodeon

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES

2500 to 1 Sunmos and Kahuwai, Plain Bill and The Mohican 1500 to 15 Aka Aka and Zealous 1500 to 2 Moccasin and The Mohican 1400 to 4 Catherine, Gordon and Creusot 1300 to 9 Crespin and Creusot 1250 to 1 Merry Boy and The Mohican 1100 to 11 Merry Boy and Merry Boy 1100 to 10 Papatu and Waiwera 1000 to 20 Haydn and Spalpeen 1000 to 9 Plain Bill and Waiwera 1000 to 6 Aka Aka and Magnificent 1000 to 5 Comfort and Hautapu 1000 to 2 Merry Boy and Catherine Gordon, Agitator and Hostage 1000 to 1 Plain Bill and Medallius, Plain Bill and Sunmos, Pipi and The Mohican, Pipi and Graduated Tax, Papatu and Kahuwai, Comfort and Graduated Tax 900 to 15 Aka Aka and Hautapu 900 to 8 Pipi and Kremlin 900 to 2 Agitator and Catherine Gordon 800 to 16 Aka Aka and Spalpeen 800 to 2 Aka Aka and Pure Silver, Haydn and Graduated Tax, Victory and Killarney 750 to 14 Haydn and Ostiak 750 to 6 Pipi and Spalpeen, Moccasin and Hautapu 750 to 1 Sunmos and Spalpeen 700 to 7 Haydn and Hautapu 600 to 3 Evening and Kremlin 600 to 2 Merry Boy and Cavalry 600 to 1 Midia and Ostiak, Moccasin and Medallius 550 to 3 Pipi and Zealous 500 to 5 Pipi and Huku 500 to 4 Papatu and Spalpeen 500 to 2 Papatu and Ostiak 500 to 1 Haydn and Pure Silver, Papatu and Pure Silver, Slow Tom and Talune

Mr J. Loughlin, Dunedin, reports the following business on the

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES 900 to 9 Moccasin and Hautapu 1200 to 18 Kaitere and Hautapu 800 to 16 Haydn and Hautapu 500 to 2 Haydn and Magnificent, Princess of Thule and Hautapu 200 to 5 Slow Tom and Waiwera, Haydn and Waiwera 500 to 3 Plain Bill and Spalpeen 100 to 2 Aka Aka and Kremlin 500 to 5 Kaitere and The Guesser 200 to 3 Aka Aka and Tahae 300 to 4½ Aka Aka and Tupara 100 to 1 Star and Medallius; 1000 to ½ Midia and Moccasin

WINTER CUP, STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES,

400 to 2 Porirua Aka Aka and Kremlin 400 to 1 Kremlin, Aka Aka and Kremlin 400 to 1½ Cannie Chiel, Haydn and Ranana 200 to ½ Regulation, Kaitere and Hippowai; Exmoor, Haydn and Waiwera; Oblivion, Haydn and Waiwera

Mr Robert Cleland reports the following business on the

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES 200 to 4 Slow Tom and Kremlin 400 to 6 Slow Tom and Killarney 500 to 10 Slow Tom and Ia, Haydn and Tahae 500 to 5 Comfort and Ostiak, Papatu and Hautapu, Moccasin and Hautapu 600 to 4 Kaitere and Ia 900 to 6 Plain Bill and Waiwera 500 to 1 Papatu and Princess of Thule 300 to 3 Moccasin and Cavalry 500 to 2½ Moccasin and Magnificent, Merry Boy and Spalpeen 200 to 1 Moccasin and Hippowai 700 to 14 Aka Aka and Kremlin 250 to 5 Aka Aka and Cavalry

NEW ZEALAND CUP 400 to 12 Mahutonga 300 to 18 Roseal 500 to 25 Buluwayo 200 to 5 Ficat

FOOTBALL. AT ALEXANDRA PARK EPSOM. SATURDAY NEXT, AUGUST 6th. WELLINGTON V. AUCKLAND. Kick-off at 3 p.m. sharp. Admission to Ground, 1s; Grandstands, 1s extra. Ground and Stand Tickets on Sale at Partridge's and Williamson's. CHAS. E. MACCORMICK, Sec. A.R.U.

AMUSEMENTS

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE. MR J. C. WILLIAMSON'S BRILLIANT NEW COMEDY COMPANY. The following repertoire has been arranged for the remainder of the season— THURSDAY and FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 and 5, FIRST PRODUCTION IN AUCKLAND, COUSIN KATE.

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