

is creating great interest in New South Wales, is being held under the auspices of the League of New South Wales, and is set down for running on Saturday, September 19th. The total prizes exceed £150.

MAJOR TAYLOR.

Before leaving the States for Europe—provided that he carried out his intention—Major Taylor was defeated by J. F. Moran, at Boston. The occasion was a match between the two, decided by two sprint races and a pursuit event. Moran desired the pursuit race to be the second test, but Taylor objected, and it was decided to have it for the last trial, were it required. It is stated that the negro ran somewhat loosely in the first heat, swinging out on the bends, and Moran, watching his chance, slipped inside and won. In the second test Moran led off, and by a series of sprints endeavoured to break up Taylor. In this heat, however, the latter's saddle broke, and Moran finished alone. He was not satisfied with this victory, and agreed to recontest the heat, when Taylor beat him; Moran being somewhat tired from his previous efforts. In the pursuit race Taylor gained at first, but, watching the first symptoms of distress in his opponent, Moran pulled himself together, and by a well-sustained effort, had gained a quarter-lap at pistol-fire. Taylor was also unsuccessful in the scratch events at the same meeting, Fogler winning both.

ONEHUNGA CLUB.

The Onehunga Cycling Touring Club will bring off a 16-mile race at Mangere on Saturday next for the medals presented by Mr Chas. Bagley, president of the club. The handicaps are as follows:—H. Flewellyn, scratch; A. Flewellyn, 30s; A. Docherty, 1m; N. Wadman, 3m 30s; H. Griffiths, 6m 30s; T. H. Pardington, 9m; F. Roget, 9min 30s; S. Kitchen, 10m; A. Sorensen, 10m 30s; W. C. Hill, 16m; F. Richardson, 16m; J. B. Brennan, 16m 30s.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure for Coughs and Colds never fails, 1s 6d and 2s 6d.

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JOHN FULLER AND SONS announce the Re-opening of Vaudeville Season—
SATURDAY NEXT, JULY 11,
With the following Star Artists:—
First Appearance of
VERNON AND MAC,
Comedy Acrobats and Hand-Balancers.
THE SWIFTS,
Australia's Premier Sketch Team
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Welcome Re-appearance of
EVA LEE AND HER PICCANINNIES.
NELLIE POWER,
New Zealand's Own Soubrette.
VAUDE AND VARNA,
The Original Patterists,
BOB LLOYD, Comedian.
BLANCHE CARELLI, Soprano Vocalist
"THE ENGLISH GRAND NATIONAL"
On the Bioscope.
Prices—2s, 1s, and Sixpence.
Reserves at Wildman's. Day Sales at Carter's.

BILLIARDS.

The N.S.W. amateur championship will take place about the second week in August.

Melbourne Inman will be in Auckland shortly when he will play two exhibition games at the Albert Hall. These will be 2000 up, B. Ford receiving 1000 start in one, and Jackson a similar start in the other. Inman will also have two games with well-known amateurs.

It would be difficult to find a club just now where tournaments are not in full swing. If secretaries will send me results I shall be very pleased to publish them.

This year the Australasian championship will be played in Melbourne, between the elect of the different States and New Zealand.

H. W. Stevenson recently conceded his brother, E. R. Stevenson, 800 in 1600, the occasion being a benefit to the latter at St. Albans. The finish was very exciting, the champion just winning by 25.

In the match of 10,000 up between Inman and Smith, in which the N.S.W. champion received 3000 start, Inman won by 10,000 to 9030.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

Lessee .. Mr. C. R. Bailey,
Sub-lessee .. Allan Hamilton.

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH,

FOR A FEW NIGHTS ONLY.

GREAT DRAMATIC EVENT.

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Supported by a great cast of artists selected from the Original London and New York Companies.

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EVERY NIGHT, AND WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY AFTERNOONS.

GOOD MUSIC. GOOD SKATES.
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Saturday's Attendance was the Record for the Rink. Crowds Turned Away.

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Admission, 6d; Skates, 6d and 1s.

AL. FORREST, Prop.

The amateur championship of Victoria is scheduled to commence July 13. It will be played on the American tournament principle, in heats of 500 up, the winner of the tournament playing off the present holder of the title, Mr. E. L. Jacoby, a longer game to decide who will hold the title for 1908-9.

TRY AGAIN, JOHNNIE!

Johnnie came from London town on a holiday,
Brought his cue and cue-case down, a game or two to play.

For he meant to try his skill
On our country chaps until
We had to pay his hotel bill—
That was Johnnie's way.

Try again, Johnnie, try again, do!
We country bumpkins are fair sport for you!
Perhaps in London you've often been "had,"
But you're sure to take a rise out of a country lad.

Johnnie challenged Varmer Giles; Varmer Giles was willing;
Johnnie, brimming o'er with smiles,
Wagered him a shilling.
But when Varmer Giles put on
Two small breaks of fifty-one,
Johnnie's smiles had quickly gone—
So had Johnnie's shilling!

Johnnie said, "Let's play at Pool,"
Thinking "Twill be funny,
If I can't swing on some fool for a pot of money."

But at ten o'clock that night,
Johnnie off his head was quite;
Paying out with left and right
Didn't seem so funny.

Try again, Johnnie; try again, do!
Your holiday's over, the hotel bill is due!
Somehow or other, it's you that's been "had,"
For you couldn't take a rise out of a country lad!

—The "New World of Billiards."

INMAN V. LINDRUM.

The big match of 18,000 up, in which Inman is conceding young Lindrum a start of 6000 points, was commenced in Melbourne last week, when the mail left. In the opening session, the form of Inman appeared to have been impaired by the all-night train travelling from Sydney. He, however, made breaks of 108, 109, and 155, as against 81, 80, and 72 by Lindrum. Scores: Lindrum (rec. 6000), 6902; Inman (in play), 1600.

THE NOVEL MATCH BETWEEN T. REECE AND C. HARVERSON.

As was mentioned in last week's issue, Reece and Harverson were engaged in a 15,000 up match when the mail left, the novelty of the meeting being that the loser had to pay the winner one shilling for every point he was behind at the finish, this being limited to £75. With half the game played Harverson led by no less than 837 points, and looked a very likely winner. In the second half, however, Reece fairly turned himself loose, and, playing in a style which denoted the coming champion, fairly ran away from his opponent. He rattled up 1163 to Harverson's 287, but the latter came up smiling with a beautifully-strung-together 416. Reece was not to be denied, running up 1004 to the South African's 228, finally winning by 1145 points. By his latest performance, Reece has still further made good his claim to meet the best of the profession on level terms, for it is certain that no one could have bettered his work, whilst Harverson, though defeated, has lost nothing of prestige, and undoubtedly gained many friends for the magnificent fight put up when apparently hopelessly out-pointed.

That the play throughout was of an exceptionally high standard is easily proved by the breaks registered. In addition to thirty-five of between 100 and 200, Reece compiled 389, 242, 335, 238, 245, 274, 291, 313, 307, 344, 239, 456, 220, 203, 213, 277, and 337; whilst Harverson was responsible for twenty-seven between 100 and 200, besides 215, 297, 325, 316, 232, 264, 416, 449, and 237. Final scores: Reece, 15,000; Harverson, 13,855.

THE ORIGIN OF BILLIARDS.

Billiards were first invented, says a good authority, by a pawnbroker. About the middle of the sixteenth century there was one William Kew, a pawnbroker, who, during wet weather, was in the habit of taking down the three balls, and, with a yard measure, pushing them, billiard fashion, from the counter into the stalls. In time the idea of a board with side pockets suggested itself. A black letter MS. says:—"Master William Kew did make one board whereby a game is played with three balls, and all the young men were greatly recreated thereat, chiefly the young clergyman from St. Pawles, hence one of ye said clergymen was named a cannon, having been by one of ye said clergymen invented. This game is known now by ye name of billiards, William or Bill Kew did first play with his yard measure. The stick is now called a kew or kue." It is easy to comprehend how "Bill-yard" has been modernised into Billiard, and the transformation of kew or kue into cue is equally apparent.

WHERE TO PLAY BILLIARDS.

B. FORD'S Waitemata Billiard Club, Custom-street, Auckland. Open to play all-comers on 100 Break. Ford's Unequalled Billiard Pockets, all colours. Post free to any part of New Zealand. 10s 6d.

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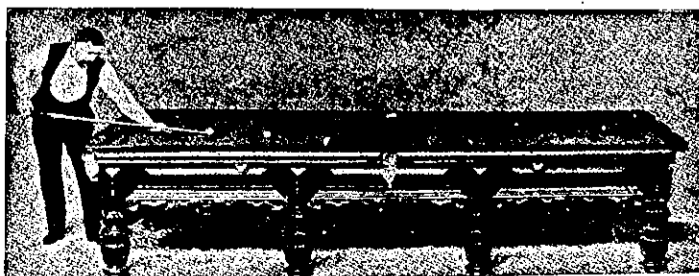
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N.B.—LADIES are particularly requested to obtain tickets in town, to avoid crushing at Turnstiles.

C. V. LANGSFORD, Hon. Sec. A.R.U.,
For N.Z.R. Union.