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Thr "Melbourne Punch" says Jaques Inaudi, the "mental marvel," who has been arousing great interest in Sydney at ehe Tivoli Theatre, is an Italian, being a native of Beziers, where he started life as a shepherd boy. His great gift of calculation was first discovered during a row between ewo cattle dealers, who came to blows during tle dealers, who came to blows during an argument over some sums of money that were to be paid. The disputants were taken before a magistrate who, whilst considering his judgment, was startled and surprised by the young Inaudi, who had forced his way into the court, and insisted on pointing out the man who was in the right and by cal-culations proving the correctness of his judgment. Amongst scientific men the youngster with the unique gift attracted much notice and caused discussion, and hat always continued to do so, his fac-ulty for figures being so extraordinarily abnormal as to perpetually be a puzzle to scientific and unscientific folk alike. Dr. Charcot, an eminent French brain specialist, holds that Inaudi has two brains.

The Broughs, by latest advices, were finishing a season in Calcutta, after which they go on to Hong Kong, pia Rangoon. The tour closes on the 28th

## LATE RACING.

### OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

There was a good attendance at the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Meeting at Alexandra Park, when some interesting sport was witnessed Results was as follows :-

TRIAL TEGT HANDICAP, one and half miles. Ross ind, 31sec, Greenwood ... Jingo 24sec, Hird Won by five yards. Dividends, £1 3s and £3

EPSOM TEOT HANDICAP, one and a half miles. The Autocrat, 1 sec, Sandall ....

Waitekauri, 3sec, Hird ... Won by ten yards. Dividends, £4 10 and 13s SUBURBAN PONY HANDICAP, six and a half furlongs.

Annoyed, 103, O'Con: ell St Loanda, 89, Buchanan Won by half a length. Dividends, 16s and SUBURBAN TEOT HANDICAP, two miles.

Little Ben, 35sec, Lowe ... Haroid Abdallah, 19sec, Chatteris Won by fifteen yards. Dividends, £2 13: and 15s. TELEGRAPH THOT HANDICAP, one mile. La Grande, 22sec. Greenwood ...

Sir Robert, 17sec, Patton won hy fifteen yerds. Time, 2min 50sec Miss Huon, 16sec, lowe ...

Dividends, £2 13s and 15s. TRAMWAY TROT HANDICAP, one mile and helf. Jingo, 26 ec, Hird ---...

Duchess of Rothschilds, 31sec, McBrids ... 3
Won by twenty five vaids

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP, five furlongs.

Inspiracion, 6.10, V. Cotton ... First Whisper, 713, Jenkins ... 3 Won by a length. Time, 1min 7sec. Di idends, £7 5s and £2 15s.

HIGH-CLASS TROT HANDICAP, one mile and halt.

Sierra, 10sec, Hird Thorndean, 15sec, Murfitt Duke C. 6sec, Cotton ... 3 Won by three pards Time, 3min 58sec. Dividends, 15s and £24s.

## METHODS OF HORSE SWINDLERS

Probably in no business tricks and wiles practiced as in horse dealing. It is safe to affirm that thousands of horses are sold throughout the ands of norses are sold throughout the country every year under false conditions, and so skilful have "fakers" become that it takes a very clever and experienced man to detect the doctoring tricks of those who are anxious to sell a bad animal to the best advantage.

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Perhaps the commonest of all faking or bishoping, as it is called—a term derived from a man named Bishop, who during the eighteenth century obtained a great reputation for making old horses appear young—is in relation to a horse's teeth.

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ties as found in a horse of the age he wishes to represent. The surface of the teeth is cut out with a steel tool, and the black lining of the groove, which must be visible, burnt in with nitrate of silver or some other chemical. In this way horses which are often over eight or nine years of age are sold as five-year-olds.

The age of a horse is often increased as well as reduced by means of faking the teeth. A three-year-old will often be transformed into a five-year-onld by means of chiseling out the side milk teeth with which horses are furnished up to their third year, when they are supplanted by the permanent ones. The extraction of the former, of course, brings on the latter much quicker than would be the case in the natural order of things, thus making a horse appear much older than it really

The faking of broken-winded horses is an art in itself, so to speak. It is generally accomplished by means of drugs, arenic being chiefly used. The coper also pays strict attention to such an animal's dict previous to a show. If during the trial a horse is a little short-winded the owner horse is a little short-winded, the owner will turn furiously upon the groom for giving his horse too much hay, when in all probability it has had nothing to eat or drink for hours.

The groom will thereupon explain how

the animal got loose and ate a bushel of oats and half a truss of hay in the night, and that he was afraid of losing his place This exif he said anything about it. planation will in nine cases out of tensatisfy the intending purchaser, and remove any doubts which he might have

Doping is a term usually applied to the trick of making horses appear spirited and high-steppers by means of drugs and chemicals. An animal is often made to pick up its legs in the quick nervous style of a thoroughbred by having the back tendons of the leg rubbed with turpentine, cow itch and ammonia, which burns like fire, and makes the animal prance with rain.—("Breeder and Sportsman.")

## THE PRIMITIVE HORSE.

Some weeks ago a report came from the West that the party supported by the William C. Whitney Fund, which is exploring for relics of extinct horses had made important discoveries. The fossils Won by twenty five yards. Time, 4min 112 found. They belonged to the species of three-toed horses which bitharts. three-toed horses, which hitherto had been known only from fragments of sculls been known only from fragments of sculls and limbs. The party now in the West had found four fore limbs and ten rear civilisation his intelligence has been so 2 limbs in a perfect state of preservation, marked by every nation, ancient and modern, that he has always been taken as a complete. The iossils were shipped to the limbs of Network Tierran and Network and the limbs in a perfect state of preservation, marked by every nation, ancient and modern, that he has always been taken as a symbol of the human intellect or under-Museum of Natural History, New York. Prof. Osborn, of the museum, said that the find would add an important stage to the history and development of the horse

in America.

There was a period when naturalists looked upon the horse as a very isolated and singular creature, because it walked so differently from the other animals, and the naturalists therefore made it an order so differently from the other animals, and the naturalists, therefore made it an order by itself, under the title of "Solid hoof." Prof. W. H. Flower, F.R.S., director of the natural history department of the British museum, asserts that knowledge obtained during the past fifty years as to the comparative anatomy of the horse, and as to the myriads of extinct forms of animal life, has shown that the horse was only one of a large group of animals. animal life, has shown that the horse was only one of a large group of animals. The professor says that he is compelled to assume Darwin's theory of derivation or descent of one form of animal from another. The group of animals known as the hoofed animals are divided into two great and distinct groups. One group comprises the horse and its most immediate allies, such as the donkey and the

the world than at present. It seems to be on the decrease, dying out as it were, and probably would become extinct but for donkeys and horses being so valuable to As the horse gets older these marks man. Prof. Flower asserts that the horse wear away, and it is then that the coper family of the group was that branch or faker sets to work to make fresh cavi which had undergone by far the greatest which had undergone by far the greatest changes. It was, too, the most interesting branch of the family. It has been continually changing from its ancestors, and the points in which the horse differed were very numerous. It had been gradually adapting itself to the changed conditions of the times.

It had gradually increased in size, and especially in the length of the neck; legs had lengthened and its toes had disappeared. There were certain alterations in the structure of the hones, but mainly the alterations were in two points-in the teeth and the feet, both of which nad been adapting the horse for the altered conditions of his life. So great had been the change that specimens could be traced back, showing that at one time some of them were no bigger than a hare. Now it is difficult to find anything more perfect in its whole organisation than the horse. It has ceased to be anything like the tapir and as the horse was when it lived in woods, forests, by lakes and on marshy land 14 had been applied to the control of the co land. It had become changed to an animal destined to inhabit the dry open plain, far away from the cover of woods and from the swampy ground, into which its feet might sink, and also destined to live upon the food of the open plain—dry, hard, harsh herbage that grows in open spaces. The modification of the teeth has now recorded the point of which it is different accordance. now reached the point at which it is difficult to conceive anything better adapted for grinding hard herbage, and the feet have got to the point which specially facilitates speed over hard ground. The foot has been modified into an organ simply for support, and for that purpose it about as perfect as anything can be. The whole of the changes were to fit him for the sphere of usefulness he was to occupy in future ages, and were obviously advantageous to him in the changed conditions of his life.

fact that the earliest horse It is a known to naturalists had five toes. ther along down the ages came the Hipparion, an animal almost a horse, which had three toes, but only the central toe rested on the ground. In this connection it is interesting to note that Nature sometimes reaches back through unfold ages and reproduces in the horse of to-day some of the characteristics of his toed ancestor. Horses have been born in comparatively recent times with three toes on one foot. In 1882 there was a horse in one foot. Boston with eight hoofs, the second, which took the place of the first toe, being almost as perfectly developed as the third and fourth.

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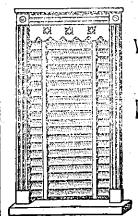
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