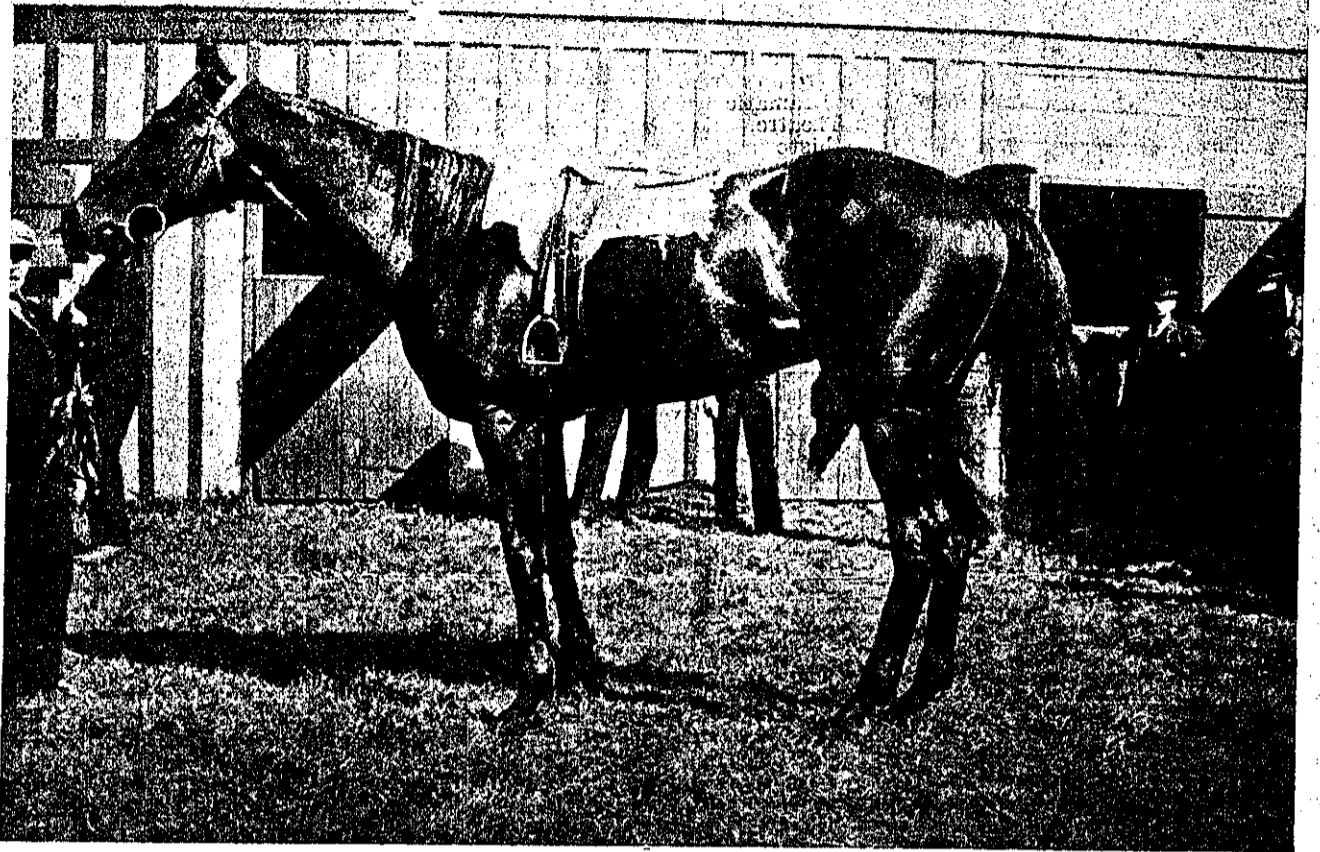




A first glance at the figures of the annual balance-sheet of the New York Club is likely to prove what Mr Swivel-ler called a staggerer (says "The Field") when it showed that the cult of athletics involved the consumption of refreshment at the bar to the amount of nearly 118,000dol., and of cigars valued at over 64,000dol. But, after all, it is merely a question of scale, and this expenditure is shared by some 4000 members, who, whether actively devoted to sport or not, avail themselves of the luxurious accom-odation of the city house and the country establishment on Travers Island. The amount allotted to the various sec-tions of the club for expenses involved in athletics proper, baseball, hockey, bi-cycling, fencing, boxing, tennis, lawn tennis, rowing and yachting is only 25,000dol., which is less than one twenty-fifth part of the whole annual expendi-ture, and there has been some small saving out of this estimate. Some 10,000dol. was spent on the expenses of teams and crews, and the rest on the wages of instructors and attendants.

The amateur boxing championships of Canterbury, under the New Zealand Box-ing Association, will be decided at the Theatre Royal, Christchurch, on June 4 and 6. The classes will be: Feather weight, 9st and under; light weight, 10st and under; middle weight, 11st 4lb and under; heavy weight, any weight. En-tries will close on May 21.

The attempt made by L. B. Webster, the New Plymouth sprinter, at the Var-sity sports meeting, to beat the New Zealand record for the quarter-mile, fail-ed in a large measure because there was no one to pace him properly. The track was in good order, and the conditions fairly favourable, although there was a moderate breeze blowing across the ground. The Canterbury runner, Moyes, did a better performance, winning the quarter-mile very easily in 51 2-5sec, a very go indeed.



L. Daroux, photo.

CHASSEUR, a double winner at the Feilding Meeting.

Mr William Toy, the well-known writer on athletics in the "New Zealand Herald," joined the noble army of bene-dicts last week. There is no more popu-lar pressman in Auckland than "Billy," who has done much for the good cause. Congratulations!

A. Shrub, of the South London Har-riers, won the English Cross-Country Championship on March 7. There were 146 runners, representing fourteen clubs. Shrub ran the ten miles over a course which included a fair amount of ploughed land, in four seconds under the hour. His nearest attendant was S. J. Robinson, of the Salford Harriers, who finished nearly a minute behind him. Shrub has now won the Championship three years in succession.

MR CHUDLEIGH GORRICK. THE CRACK PIGEON SHOT.

During the course of a chat with Mr Chud. Gorrick, the famous Australian pigeon shot and sportsman, whose por-trait appears in this issue, the following particulars of his career were gleaned, and they should prove of much interest to local sportsmen :-

Mr C. H. Gorrick is a member of the London Gun Club, a director of the Na-tional Sporting Club, Sydney, a member of the New South Wales Sports Club, and also a member of the following New Zea-land Gun Clubs :-Waipukurau, Waira-rapa, Hutt Valley, and Ellerslie.

Mr C. H. Gorrick has competed this year in five pigeon matches, occupying the scratch mark every time, viz., 33yds (with the exception of the Ellerslie match, when he shot from 32yds), and he has been successful in dividing four out of the five. These matches were held as follows :-Palmerston North £100, Wel-lingto £100, Hawera £100, Blenheim £100, and Ellerslie £50. Mr Gorrick's full scores in the last match appear be-low.

Last year, in New Zealand Mr Gorrick put up a splendid record, killing 176 out of 181 birds, all from 32yds to 33yds rise.

Mr Gorrick has twice succeeded since he commenced to compete in matches in New Zealand to make breaks of 100 birds without a miss.

He likes the ground at Ellerslie better than any he has yet shot on in New Zea-land, and says the automatic traps used there are much quicker than any he has heretofore shot over, and considers that birds liberated from them are quite five yards on their flight before the shooter realises the fact,

Again, he says the birds used in the late Ellerslie match were all specially trained for the occasion, and were the fastest he has yet shot at in this colony. They left the traps like lightning, and were assisted by a fresh breeze blowing across the traps from left to right.

The management was excellent, and could not be excelled anywhere, being as it was in the able and capable hands of the genial Mr J. B. Williamson.

It will be interesting to the shooting world to know the charges he uses, as everyone is struck with the clean way in which his birds are invariably smashed up when fired at. His cartridges are loaded by Messrs Curtis and Harvey at their Hounslow factory, and are charged as follows :-49 grains "Amberite" pow-der, 1 1/2oz No. 6 shot; this for the first barrel, but 1 1/2oz No. 5 shot for the sec-ond barrel.

Mr Gorrick informs us that he read in a contemporary recently that a well-known Australian shot recently gave up "Amberite" cartridges to use a locally made one. He says he is prepared to back himself against any man in New Zealand in a match at 100 birds each, for any reasonable stake, and concedes one yard start to his opponent if he uses ammunition of colonial make. Mr Gor-rick explains that he would not throw out this challenge had it not appeared in the press that this colonial ammunition was made to appear to give such superior re-sults over all other brands. He suggests that a match at 100 live birds will con-clusively prove which ammunition really is the best, since tests at the target do not always show to such advantage when the same cartridges are used at the traps.

It might be mentioned that C. H. Gor-rick is the only shooter in Australia who has defeated A. W. Eales. This he did in a match for £100 aside, 100 birds each, for the championship of New South Wales in 1897. This was the only occa-sion upon which they met, and Mr Gor-rick won by four birds.

Mr Gorrick intends returning here in June to compete in the £100 match, which takes place at Ellerslie on the 10th of that month.

He is returning South, where he will compete in several big matches, and be-tween the contests he intends going in extensively for field shooting. He has a brace of well-broken setters, which he shoots over when after pheasants.

In conclusion, Mr Gorrick says he has had a right royal time in Auckland, and has not been so hospitably treated any-where in New Zealand before. To Dr. Owen and others he is especially grateful for the kindness and sport shown him.

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C. H. Gorrick, 32yds, 2nd nom, 1111111111	10
H. Roland, 30yds, 1st nom, 1121121111	10
J. Williamson, 27yds, star, 1121122111	10
C. H. Gorrick, 32yds, 1st nom, 1111210211	9
M. M. Rosengrave, 31yds, 1st nom, 1111110111	9
"Cashmore," 27yds, star, 1111011121	9
G. R. Bloomfield, 26yds, 1st nom, 2111111120	9
F. Seccombe, 30yds, 2nd nom, 2101111111	9
J. Northcroft, 28yds, star, 1221101110	8
G. R. Bloomfield, 26yds, star, 1121111120	8
A. Seccombe, 27yds, 2nd nom, 111012110	7
H. Schmiedel, 25yds, star, 210211201	6
M. M. Rosengrave, 33yds, 2nd nom, 121121010	6
J. Williamson, 27yds, 1st nom, 2110210	5
Porch, 28yds, 1st nom, 1011110	5
F. Seccombe, 30yds, star, 11010	3
H. Abbott, 25yds, 1st nom, 11020	3
W. H. Hazard, 24yds, 2nd nom, 11020	3
A. Seccombe, 27yds, star, 1100	2
G. Wilkinson, 25yds, star, 1100	2
H. Schmiedel, 25yds, star, 1100	2
W. H. Hazard, 24yds, star, 010	1
J. Northcroft, 28yds, 2nd nom, 200	1
"Cashmore," 27yds, 2nd nom, 200	1

* Divided the £50 prize.



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