

American jockeys have won the English Derby three years in succession. L. Reiff was the first rider from the States to score, when he had the mount on Volodyovski in 1901. J. H. Martin copied his example on Ard Patrick last year, and it has been left to Maher to complete a notable treble for the Americans by winning on Rock Sand.

The well-known English watering-place, Brighton, has much to thank the race-course people for. The other day the race-stand trustees made a gift of £4000 for the benefit of the aged and deserving poor. This benefaction is only one of a series, amounting in all to some £50,000. Out and out opponents of the turf might make a note of this, if only for the purpose of following a good example.

According to "Javelin," the late Tom Gurney, whom sporting men knew well as a humorous wag and irrepressible joker, once got into a tram car with an unlighted cigar in his mouth. "You mustn't smoke in the car, sir!" sternly remarked the conductor. "I'm not smoking!" was the calm reply. "You've got a cigar in your mouth, anyway!" said the conductor. "Well," responded Tom, "I've got my feet in my boots—but I'm not walking!" A slight musty flavour here, isn't there?

Nearly every turfite is more or less superstitious, and they will now have another peg to hang their hobby on. That good horse Record Reign was No. 13 on the race-card in the Grand Steeplechase de Paris, in which he fell. In the Prix de Drags, at Auteuil, he again bore the fatal number, and as the race was run on Friday the unlucky coincidence was too strong for the gallant son of Castor and Winnie. Fate, therefore, ordained that he should break his leg at the river in front of the stand.

Eminently suitable are the legal appointments which the Stewards of the English Jockey Club have just made. The position of Senior standing counsel has been conferred upon Mr C. F. Gill, K.C., and that of solicitor upon the Hon. Charles Russell, the second son of the late Lord Russell of Killowen. The list of Senior counsel to the Jockey Club contains none but notable names. The succession is as follows:—Mr Baron Martin, Lord Brampton, Lord Russell of Killowen, C.J., Mr Justice Walton, and Mr Gill, K.C.

Tod Sloan has commenced an action against the stewards of the Societe d'Encouragement. The case arose out of Sloan having galloped Rose de Mai over the Aigles training ground without permission of the stewards. Sloan's case is that he galloped the filly at the request of a member of the Jockey Club and a trainer, and that he should not be held responsible for their failure to obtain permission. He consequently claims 100,000 francs damages from the stewards, and 25,000 francs from their organ, the "Bulletin des Courses," for publishing their decision. I suppose Tod's chance of getting the money is what is usually described in sporting parlance as "Buckley's."

Commenting on the English Derby, run on May 27 last, the London "Sportsman" says:—"Everything was favourable for those who journeyed to Epsom to witness the decision of the greatest race in the world," as the Derby has very properly been termed. The weather was gloriously fine, nothing was wanting as regards the condition of the turf, and, to crown all, the favourite gained a very handsome victory. Their Majesties the King and Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family graced the proceedings with their presence, and had an exceedingly hearty reception, and, although the Royal colours were not successful, there is satisfaction in the fact that the race did not go out of the country, however much we like to see sportsmen from across the Channel contesting the event. On his running, however, Vinicius ought clearly to have carried off the French Derby on Sunday. In comparison with recent years, the number of runners was disappointing, though, of course, the known superiority of Rock Sand accounted for this in a large degree. The field, in fact, was the smallest, with one exception, for just 100 years, the exception being in 1894, when Ladas only had half a dozen opponents. But what was lacking in quantity yesterday was undoubtedly made up for in quality. The doubtedly made up for in quality. The American horse was excused from taking part in the preliminaries, and, after a very good start, Rock Sand took the lead, though Meed assumed command when a quarter of a mile had been covered. Rounding Tattenham Corner, however, the King's horse was done with, and Rock Sand, drawing clear, was never afterwards threatened, the favourite winning with ease amid considerable cheering. Sir J. Miller's colt has now been successful in eight out of nine races, and has won in stakes 18,124 sovs."

## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Among the pictures to be found in this issue are several of more than general interest.

### THE CUP DEFENDER RELIANCE.

A good photo. of this yacht, which has been reproduced from the "London Yachtsman," is given. This latest production of the Herreshoffs is the big cutter which Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock III. will be called on to meet on August 20.

### THE TILIKUM.

This famous canoe is in Auckland, and people are crowding the tent in Wellesley-street nightly to see Captain Voss, Mr Buckeridge and their tiny world's cruiser.

### MARMONT.

This gives a capital idea of the winner of the V.R.C. Grand National and his rider. He won four races off the reel in the last few days.

### NEW OIL LAUNCH.

Messrs Logan Bros. have completed a fast launch for Mr W. Jagger, and this has been engined by Messrs Ryan and Co. She marks a new departure, having a tripod stern. The snapshot was taken a few days since, when she was running a trial spin at full speed. Mr Archie Logan is at the tiller.

### DR. PURCHAS' NEW MOTOR CAR.

This is a 12-h.p. "Darracq" car, and is splendidly adapted for touring being very strongly built, and capable of a high speed.

### THISTLE FOOTBALL CLUB.

A good picture shows the members of the Thistle Association Football team taken on the Domain last Saturday. Other snapshots are Mr J. A. Kallendar, the well-known captain and goal-keeper for the Graffon Lacrosse Club, a view showing some prominent players of the Canadian Winter game; also a corner-kick during last Saturday's Association match.

### LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Our portrait this week is that of a very popular ex-member of the staff of the Campbell, Ehrenfried Company, Mr E. A. Keesing, some particulars of whom will be found elsewhere.

### THE STAGE.

Amongst the illustrations this week are good portraits of three of the lady members of the Majeroni Dramatic Company; a delightfully characteristic picture of the popular May Beatty as she appeared in "The Fortune Teller" in Melbourne, and an interesting group representing the members of the Hawtrey Company in cricket costume, and ready to meet all comers.

The crack jockey of America used to be Sims, but according to the "Daily America" his downfall as a crack rider dates from the time he went to England. Previous to his trip across the water he was regarded, and not without reason, as one of the very best jockeys in the land. At that time he was a follower of the most pronounced American style of riding—with a short stirrup, keeping a long rein and sitting well up on his horse's withers, but lo and behold, when he returned to this country he brought not only the flowing riding-breeches of the Englishman, but the long stirrup and the seat well back as well, and from that day to this Sims has been numbered among the has-beens. His day of glory and his day of success departed with that for him.

## AFTER THE RACES.

### WELLINGTON R.C. WINTER MEETING.

#### FIRST DAY.

The Wellington Racing Club's Winter Steeplechase Meeting opened under somewhat unfavourable circumstances. The course and lawn, owing to several days' rain, was in a very sodden condition, rendering locomotion difficult for both bipeds and quadrupeds. His Excellency the Governor and party, together with a fair number of members of both the Upper and Lower Houses, put in their appearance. Members attending the Racing and Trotting Conferences also largely availed themselves of the club's kind invitation, and considering the conditions both overhead and under foot the attendance was satisfactory. The totalisator investments for the first day were £8974, being only £473 less than last year.

The meeting opened with the Stewards' Handicap, for which Ostiak was sent out a slightly better favourite than St. Olga. The Porirua horse was smartly away, and Jenkins letting him run along was never headed, and won by four lengths. St. Olga early got into second position, and the pair finished four lengths in front of Rangitata; the others raced up.

The Miramar Hack Race had fourteen starters. The Porirua representative, Position, was favourite, while Roseshoot and the winner were next in demand. Position was quickest away, but Royal Blue, however, soon got to him, and led after going three furlongs. Position, vigorously ridden by Jenkins, made a game effort in the straight, but Royal Blue, under punishment, held his own, and won a good race by a length. Lady Field, Rebellious, and Commonwealth were the next three to finish, the balance being strung out.

The Wellington Steeplechase brought out eight contestants. The veteran Nor-west was a pronounced favourite with the touts, although the Canterbury rep., Sultana, had £8 more invested on him in the totalisator. The race, however, was a chapter of accidents. Sultana was taken to the front, and was going strong when he reached the sod wall, over which he toppled. Gobo and Straybird, who were just in his wake, collided with the fallen horse, and both lost their riders. This left Marine in front, and he led right round to the sod wall in front of the Stand, where he came down. Gryphon and Pipi then carried on the running. The former, however, mistook the course when leading, and lost quite half-a-furlong. Nor-west then joined the leaders, and going on won with something in hand by several lengths. Pullack and Pipi finishing close together; Gryphon, who had made up considerable ground, some twenty lengths away. Nor-west, who fenced faultlessly, was nicely handled by D. Wright, and the victory was very popular.

The Parliamentary Handicap, the principal flat event of the programme, was contested by a capital field of thirteen horses. Exmoor was withdrawn in favour of his stable companion, Ostiak, who put up a 7lb penalty. Shrapnel Shell was a slightly better favourite than Sanfoin, Ostiak was also well backed, whilst St. Olga was neglected. This quartette, however, were prominent all through. Shrapnel Shell and Sanfoin were in command at the end of two furlongs. St. Olga headed Sanfoin at the turn, but failed to reach Shrapnel Shell, who won by a couple of lengths, Sanfoin and Ostiak finishing in that order at intervals of a couple of lengths.

## What is it Good For?

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## WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

The Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase had seven starters, and produced an interesting race. Counterbine and Kaitere alternately led, but nearing the turn for home, Kaloo and King Lear joined them, and quickly assuming command, finished in that order, Kaloo winning easily.

All the acceptors faced the starter for the Winter Hurdle Race. Haydn and Waiwera were best backed. Southern backers, however, strongly favoured the prospects of Slow Tom, and they were more than justified, as Mr R. Harley at once took him to the front, and thereafter the race was practically over bar accidents. The heavy going appeared to suit him, and although Haydn, Mourner, and Tradewind made attempts to get on terms, Mr Harley had only to sit still to win by several lengths; Haydn was a couple of lengths in front of Mourner.

The Te Aro Hack Handicap saw a field of twenty face the starter, Matuku, Rapids, and Commonwealth being withdrawn. The large field were spread right across the course at the five furlong post, those on the outside being placed at a great disadvantage, inasmuch as they had to stand on rough, uneven ground, and in consequence those on the inside had a lot the best of the going, and quickly put a gap between themselves and the outside division. Clovelly, the Porirua representative, who was ridden by Jenkins, was made favourite, Repulse and Parkshot being next in demand. Silver Star, Repulse, Sandy, and Black Squall formed the leading division, but the former failed to stay the race quite out, and Repulse coming strongly won by three lengths, the favourite, Clovelly, being never prominent.

#### SECOND DAY.

The second day opened in capital weather, and the attendance was an improvement on the first day, the fair sex especially being strongly represented. The going was very holding, but was not so sloppy as on the opening day; the totalisator investments were £9693, bringing the total for the meeting up to £18,194 for the meeting. The racing was excellent, the opening event, the Onslow Handicap, being one of the best finishes ever seen on the course, Platypus, Ostiak, St. Olga, Rangitata, Sandy, Sanfoin, fighting out a desperate finish. The half-dozen raced up the straight and past the Judge's box like a charge of cavalry. The Winter Oats Handicap was also an exciting race, Exmoor, Sanfoin, Tupara, St. Olga, Rangitata, and Menura, all appeared to have a chance half a furlong from home. The handicapper, Mr J. Chadwick, had reason to be satisfied with his adjustments for the flat events especially. Eleven faced Mr Piper for the Onslow Handicap, St. Olga being best backed, Goldspur and Ostiak also having numerous supporters. Platypus again got away first with Goldspur next, Ostiak and Sanfoin being the last pair to leave the barrier. They, however, soon made up their lost ground, and at the turn were at the leading division. Goldspur was the first to give way, leaving the placed horses and Sanfoin, Rangitata and Sandy to fight out a desperate race, which resulted in a win for Platypus by a short neck, a like distance between second and third, the other three in a cluster. There is no doubt but that Ostiak would have won had he got away on even terms with the winner.

The Trial Plate had sixteen runners. Lee Enfield, a stable companion to Lady Lillian, being installed a strong favourite. The race was interesting. Black Squall, Royal Blue, Silver Star, and Lee Enfield appeared likely to furnish the winner until Fred Davies was seen to bring Mr O. Driscoll's colt Commonwealth along on the outside at a great pace, and keeping him going he got up and won by a clear length, Black Squall a length in front of the favourite.

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# Wolfe's Schnapps

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