

all the people all the time."

The writer should be conversant with his subject (says an Australian exchange), but it seems almost impossible that any man should possess the power of wrong-doing inferred, nor is it probable he would escape unscathed. The English Jockey Club may be slow to act, but when it moves there is nothing uncertain in its methods, and this knowledge would probably have a deterrent effect upon anyone possessing the inclination to transgress to the extent suggested

GIpsy GRAND MATRONS.

Though that good horse Gipsy Grand only got one useful performer in Grand Rapids, who won the New Zealand Cup, a number of mares got by the Grandmaster horse have done some service as stud matrons and so saved his name from sinking into oblivion. It has appeared in the pedigrees of a number of good winners, this and in some previous seasons. Grand Rapids was from the St. George—Watersprite mare Whirlpool, by Traducer, and the family 14 has been one of a character prolific of good performers of both sexes. Cherubini and Soldier's Chorus, by Martian, are from the Gipsy Grand mare Grand Opera, who was from the Stepniak mare Ilma, from Raneer Nuna, sister to Whirlpool. Then we have Kilrain, who was got by Kilcheran (imp.) from Grand Rain, by Gipsy Grand from Rainbow, by Cadogan from Iris, by Traducer. Grand Rain is also dam of Bon Rain. Kilmeadon, who stayed out a mile and a-half at Randwick last month, is by defunct Kilcheran from Couronne, by Gipsy Grand from Coronat, by Medalion, and Bertrada, who won at Hawera, is a half-sister by Charlemagne II. Aema, by Stepniak, was another from Couronne. Grandmaster was imported to Australia as a yearling in 1869 and lived to the age of 31, to which age imported sires have seldom attained; indeed, we cannot recall another instance from memory. Grandmaster was bred of a splendid line on his dam's side, but Gladiateur, his sire, the her. of the Triple Crown, a first French-bred horse to break British supremacy on the turf by winning the Derby, was not very successful as a sire, and few of his sons did well at the stud. Australian Star and Australian Colours, Bungebah, Ensign, Don Juan, Gibraltar, Highborn, Reginald, Paris Sting, Invader, and that great chaser Sussex being about the best of the progeny of Grandmaster. It was Ensign who beat Carbine in the V.R.C. Derby, and it was in beating Highborn that Carbine put up his great Melbourne Cup achievement.

Complaints are made at Randwick that there is a lack of horsemen there ready to ride schooling work. "The only time you ever see them is at a race meeting on Saturday," growls a trainer, when discussing the matter the other day with a turf scribe. "They seem to have time during the week for anything but their own line of business," he added, "and through really no fault of their respective trainers, badly-schooled horses will probably be a feature of the next two or three hurdle races run in Sydney." Of course, there is the jockey's side of the question to be heard, and I know that a few are not keen on riding work for some trainers, as the fact of schooling a horse on various mornings does not make it a certainty they are to ride it in its race, even if they hold that idea up to almost the last moment. However, for their own ultimate good, it would be advisable for some of our hurdle jockeys to ride schooling work whenever opportunity offers.

At New Plymouth during the hours of slumber a thief entered the bedroom occupied by two horsemen and got away with a gold watch, which had been presented to one of them, and on which his name is inscribed. The owner was disturbed by the intruder, and jumped out of bed, and missing his watch made after the thief, but could not trace him.

Sporting dogs and dogs of a variety of breeds were to be seen at the Rotorua meeting, but the owners kept them out of harm's way. One fine-looking canine, discovered in the straight in front of the judge's box, was caught and quickly lifted over the fence by a policeman. The Maori kuri is less in evidence now than formerly.

TURF TOPICS.

Master William, by St. Paul, pulled up lame at Rotorua.

Miss Livonia, who won the Rotorua Cup, ran second to Miss Winnie there three years ago, and won the Arawa Park Handicap.

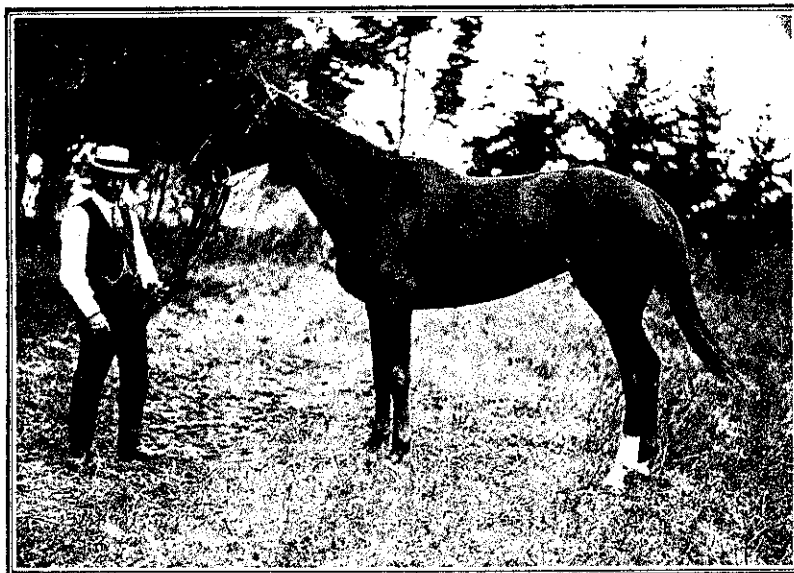
Punters at Rotorua appeared to forget that Kotiripo, before being put to jumping, showed a bit of form on the flat.

Veil and Field Veil, by Field Battery—Regret, are names that appeared on the correct card at Rotorua. Veil is by Field Battery from Meriveilleux, but did not compete.

H. Robinson rode three winners on end at the Rotorua meeting, thus performing what is known as "the hat trick."

Gallupin, by Lupin from Chiffon, which gelding ran in the ownership of R. Hannon at Rotorua, did not take kindly to the course, but may do better left handed later on.

Rosea has never been an easy one to get to the post, and she worked herself up into a great state of excitement at Rotorua before her first race. However, when got to the barrier she jumped away all right, and started satisfactorily in her second race.



THE ROTORUA CUP WINNER, 1914—Mr. G. Bettley's b m MISS LIVONIA, aged, by Leolantis—Princess Agnes. W. Mobberley, trainer.

Obdurate failed to race up to the expectations of some people on his second essay at Rotorua, and this cost them some money, and they held a tangi to relieve their feeling. A difference in weight and company brings changes.

Wanganui will be the Mecca of sportsmen at the latter end of next week, the Wanganui Jockey Club's meeting and the Wanganui Trotting Club's gathering being the magnet of attraction. The W.J.C.'s meeting takes place on the 26th and 28th inst., while the trotting carnival will be decided on the 27th inst. and March 2nd. The Railway Department, as usual, are issuing excursion tickets to visitors to the racing carnival. These tickets will be issued to Wanganui on the 26th, 27th and 28th inst., and by morning trains on March 2 from Hawera, Taihape, Palmerston North and intermediate stations, and will be available for return until March 3. On the 26th and 28th inst. passenger trains will leave Palmerston at 6.45 a.m. and 7.10 a.m., arriving at Wanganui 10.43 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., so that racing enthusiasts would do well to make a note of this fact for their own convenience.

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North-East was shipped to Sydney on Monday under the care of T. Jones. Mr. D. Thomson went over with the gelding on a holiday trip.

Jolly Beggar and Popinjay, two of the best horses over their distances, have shown good form in Australia during the week.

Maharajah, who ran second in the Federal Stakes at Caulfield, is a half-brother to Our King, King Billy, Maori King, Aborigine, etc. He has been placed several times.

The world's half-mile record was put up at Buenos Aires this week on the Juarez track by Ironmask, by Disguise from Royal Rose, who covered the distance in 44 3-5sec. The cable says that he was led by two horses.

Starting barriers formerly used by the Avondale Jockey Club and erected on substantial posts were in use on the Rotorua Jockey Club's course.

It was quite expected in Auckland that the disqualification imposed on the southern trainer McAuley would be removed when the fact was clearly established that patrons of the stable had backed Oxenhope for the event in which he is alleged to have been suspiciously ridden.

Pupura beat a mate from the half-mile disc on the sand in 51sec. The Extractor—Minnie mare seems very well.

Admiral Soult strode round the tan ring at a good half pace looking none the worse for his Takapuna, Te Kuiti and Rotorua racing, and may be worth a mental tick for future events.

Kakama was anxious to clap on the pace, going at half pace. This mare made a noise.

Tact has started easy work again and looks big and fresh, and will be cherry ripe by the time the A.R.C. Autumn meeting comes round.

Tragedy King, with his recent rest, has improved wonderfully and looks quite a different horse.

Prince Soult looks well to the eye. Soultikoff stepped out a bit gingerly while doing easy pacing on the tan.

Ovation, after putting in an easy-pace lap on the sand, broke away for another at top, registering 2.4 4-5, and the last half-mile in 54sec.

Kaihere seems quite sound again and put in useful tasks on the tan. The gelding has South Auckland engagements.

La Reina put in two useful circuits on the inner grass and looks freshened up again. Her stable mate Merry Roe seemed to enjoy two tan laps at half pace.

Jolie Fille, who has the handy impost of 8.6 in the South Auckland Cup, put in a slow circle on the sand and then increased the pace to three-quarter speed. The Soult mare looks fresh and well.

Emmett Pope had Hawea and Nukuhau doing a round over the battens. The former has plenty of pace, easily led her companion over the five hurdles. She finished rather high, but when the pace was put on flew the obstacles much cleaner, and looks like being useful.

Bluestone, who has been on the easy list since the A.R.C. Spring meeting, looks big and bright, and will be ready for the Autumn fixture. He put in a couple of useful laps.

Messrs. Cleal and Nichol's new purchase, Devastation, has gone into W. Mobberley's care to be trained.

The half-brothers Jack Delaval and Monojack and Glad Tidings are putting in medium-pace tasks under trainer F. Stenning, and will be ready for the Autumn campaign with a few winding-up gallops.

Royal Irish, Glittering Sands, and Hautere put in useful toil at medium paces. The last-named is rounding into shape again.

TUESDAY MORNING.

A few of the horses engaged at the South Auckland meeting put in strong work at Ellerslie this morning. J. Chaaf was the early bird, and he sent the Taranaki Cup winner, Goldsize, for a pipe-opener with a round on the inner grass.

Tangiwai skipped over five furlongs on the same track, the last four taking 51 3-5sec.

Excavator and Chasm did strong work separately.

Pupura, Antiphone and a chestnut finished in that order in a half-mile dash on the sand in 51sec.

La Reina acted as schoolmistress for Ovation in a tan circuit, run in 1.57—a fair gallop.

Obdurate fluttered over a few furlongs attractively on the inner grass.

Admiral Soult strode round the tan, brushing over the last half mile in 52 4-5sec.

Jolie Fille finished none too well at the end of a sand circuit in 2.2.

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