

perish. Unfortunately, Australia is an excellent dumping-ground for this class, who fetches his "dope," loaded shoes, and other everyday tricks across with him. They all reckon somnolent Australians "dead easy game"; but a few have found to their cost that the poor despised mainland is awake on occasion. All concerned in the Loch Mabin case will have quite a lengthy period of rest in which to ponder over the past, though I have been told on good authority that D. J. Price, who went out with the rest, was a victim of circumstances.

JOHN CORLETT AND THE BOOKIE.

In a recent issue of the "Sporting Times" Mr. John Corlett tells how he bested Mr. Middleton, a leading book-maker and one of the smartest men in the English ring. Mr. Middleton wrote a charming book, and in referring to a book promised for the new year from the famous English trainer Sam Darling Mr. Corlett recalls Mr. Middleton's work. When he attacked a horse in the betting that horse never recovered, and he was seldom wrong when he backed one. In his Middleton story Mr. Corlett introduces that really great racehorse Minting, owned by Mr. R. C. Vyner. "He (Mr. Middleton) was considered the best and keenest judge of the market in the ring, and for that reason we felt proud of once getting the better of him, and all the more so inasmuch as we have usually been regarded as a 'mug' in our betting. One of the greatest handicap victories we ever witnessed—and perhaps the greatest—was when Minting with 10st. on his back, and the bottom-weight with 5st. 7lb., won the Great Jubilee Handicap at Kempton in a canter by three lengths. In the following Cambridgeshire, though heavily weighted, he was well in, for the simple reason that on the handicap scale he could not very well be put out of it, and he became a phenomenally hot favourite. In the second October week we were dining with the late Mr. Edmund Tattersall at the Rutland Arms, Newmarket, and mentioned that a good judge had told us that from what he had seen that morning he was certain that there was a screw loose with Minting. Mr. Portman regarded this as a sort of cock pheasant that ought to be promptly brought down, and from the dinner table we sent a message to the late Mr. John Wingrove Smith to lay £1000 against Minting, and in this, we believe, Mr. Portman stood in. In a short time we received an answer, 'I have laid for you 1000 to 300 Minting, and I may tell you the taker was Mr. Middleton, who does not usually back dead meat.' Minting did not run, for all that, and for once in a way we were the 'dead meat merchant.' Minting was, in the meantime, pulled out for the Champion Stakes, for which long odds were laid on him, and he was beaten by Friar's Balsam, finishing second. His leg probably gave way, as he never ran again."

D. MAHER, THE AMERICAN HORSEMAN.

The American horseman, D. Maher, is a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and comes of Irish parentage. Born in 1881, he was never apprenticed, but at an early age became associated with the stable of his uncle, Mr. M. Daly, and won his first race at Providence, Rhode Island, at the age of 14. An exchange says that before leaving America for England in 1900, he won 349 races on his native soil, and up to the close of last season in England he had 1420 winning mounts for less than 14 seasons' riding. His top score was in 1908, when he piloted 139 winners, while his worst year was 1903, when, owing to the results of a motor car accident, he had only 56 wins. During his English racing career, Maher has only once been asked to explain his riding, and that was at Leicester, where he had the mount on Lord Rosebery's Sallust, a very bad-tempered horse. The local authorities passed the matter on to the stewards of the Jockey Club, who in dismissing it, exonerated Maher from all blame, while Lord Rosebery endorsed the actions of the stewards by a handsome souvenir, suitably inscribed, and renewed his claim as first jockey. Save this one claim Maher rides as a free lance.

The full-brother and sister, Jolie Fil'e and Worcester, were racing without success at Claudelands last week.

TURF TOPICS.

The Hon. W. H. Herries, M.P., was an interested spectator at the South Auckland meeting.

Mr. J. Pohlen, owner of Excavator, has taken his horse home to Mata-mata, and will probably give the Extractor horse a run at the Te Archa J.C. meeting next month.

A radium institute in the North Island is wanted, and the Manawatu Racing Club propose to make a donation of £100 towards the cost.

The champion hack Lonely is to be exhibited in Australia next season. Lonely has cleaned up the best we have, and his owner is looking for fresh worlds to conquer.

J. Roach rode three winners at Ngaruawahia, piloting Glenspire in the Cup and Flying and Celebrity in the Maiden Plate.

The consistent little Soult mare Lady French, who formerly ran in Mr. A. Kelly's colours at Hamilton, has a fine Bunyan foal at foot, and will visit the same sire next season.

Mr. J. M. McCarty, the Hamilton sportsman who owns the champion hunter Gaiety, has turned out the yearling (Bunyan—Scotch Thistle) purchased at Alexandra Park. The colt was emasculated.

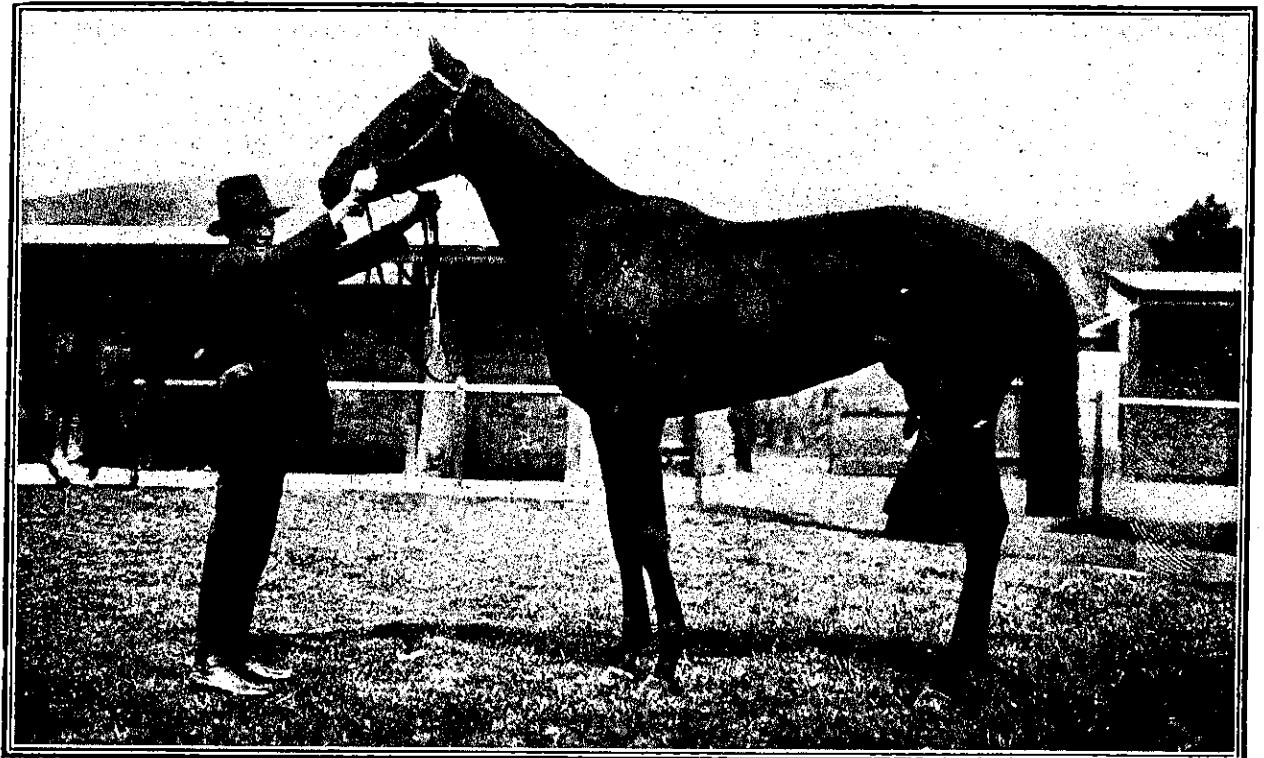
Mr. Tow Stewart, of Mount Albert, has put his three-year-old colt by Salvador—Castorette into work. The successful young Auckland, J. Williamson, is educating the colt.

The mare Vic, who formerly raced in P. Jones' stable, was among the starters at the South Auckland J.C. summer gathering, but the sister to Black Northern seems to have lost the bloom of youth and her dash as well.

J. Chaaffe, Jun., trained Maxwell last year when that gelding won the South Auckland Cup, and his success with Goldsize was pleasing.

Spalperion, who was in winning form on the flat at Hamilton, is of a jumping line. His sire Spalpeen could go fast over the battens, and his dam had some experience in the line. Jenny, the 'chaser, was one of them.

The racing track was probably never quite so fast before at Claudelands racecourse, and all the events were run in exceptionally fast times, five furlongs being run in 1.2, and a little over the half-mile in 49 3-5sec. In the Cup 2.8 2-5 was registered, and three-quarters of a mile was left behind in 1.14 2-5, and a maiden hack hustled over seven furlongs in 1.29 1-5.



A SMART SOUTHERN TWO-YEAR-OLD, WHO SCORED A DOUBLE SUCCESS AT THE DUNEDIN J.C.'S AUTUMN MEETING—Mr. J. B. Reid's b f ANGELINA, by Downshire—Angele, winner of the Champagne Stakes (six furlongs) and the Hopeful Handicap (five furlongs).

Jerry Wilson, the well-known cross-country rider, has done very little riding since a bad motor car accident nearly two years ago. Wilson rode Royal Patron when the son of Patronus—Diana scored at the Ngaruawahia meeting. Wilson also looks after the smart pony Manurere, who put up a good showing at the South Auckland meeting.

Goldsize has developed staying qualities that his best friends did not think he possessed a few months ago. Mr. Walters has had would-be purchasers for his little favourite, but could not be tempted to sell him, and his Taranaki Cup and South Auckland Cup wins are rewards for keeping him.

Mr. J. Barakat's Revelation, Gluten—Young Good Day, looks like being useful over hurdles, and the Ngaruawahia owner-trainer had the gelding in very nice fettle. He was fancied for the District Hack at the South Auckland R.C. meeting and showed some pace.

Lady Penury is the first of the progeny of Penury to win in New Zealand. Her dam, Lady Gwen, is by Leolantis from the Cyprian mare Lady Flora, whose dam, Paulina, was got by Cuirassier from Woodbine, by imported Sword Dance from Woodnymph, sister to Martini Henri—breeding good enough for anything.

Tattoo was the only gelding that won at the South Auckland meeting that won there last year. Positive ran best of the others that gained places last year at the meeting.

In the District Welter Handicap at Claudelands Tarukino was the name of one of the well-lacked candidates. Tarukino means noxious weed, and one facetious disappointed punter, on learning as much, said he thought the name most appropriate.

McCarten, who was unfortunate enough to be called before the stewards and fined £5 at the Stratford meeting for not making the best use of Smilax, the top weight, who was so sore at the time that he has not been raced since, incurred the displeasure of another stipendiary at Taranaki, it is said for carelessness.

It seemed quite in order that the Firearm gelding Hammerless should be ridden at the South Auckland Racing Club's meeting by rigger. It was a coincidence all the same.

Owners, trainers and course watchers were equally in a dillima in the early mornings of Thursday and Friday at South Auckland. A dense fog completely obscured the tracks and did not lift till after breakfast when most of the sprinting tasks were done

Altcar, who was purchased out of a selling race at the Wellington R.C. summer meeting, has repaid his owner well since. The Flying Handicap of 200sovs. fell to him at Dunedin on Saturday.

Bedford, by Bunyan from Miss Dix (dam of Master Dix), is an improved sard, but is not very big, though he will be big enough when he has another year or two on him. He gallops attractively, and the greenness is wearing off.

J. O'Shea has actually gone through a meeting without being carpeted. He rode a number of winners on Friday and Saturday, and performed the "hat trick" on the concluding day on Otaria, Lady Penury, and Admiral Sault.

Cur Ellerslie representative was table mate to some of the members of the dry toast and tea brigade during the recent South Auckland Racing Club's meeting, and says it was quite amusing to hear the good-natured banter going on between the hungry ones at each pretence to meal-making.

At the South Auckland meeting the Soult horse Glen Gowne claimed his first starter in Laird O'Gowne, who ran Kitty Bellairs to a short head in the Pioneer Handicap, the second race for two-year-olds ever given by the club, and got the stake in consequence of interference on the part of Kitty Bellairs. He was receiving 11lbs from the Obligado filly, and next day received only 6lbs and the filly beat him again. He claims a Freedom mare as his dam, and is a wiry sort.

The programme of the Felling Jockey Club for its autumn meeting appears in this issue and is one that owners will find favour with, as the club caters for all classes, hack and open-company runners, both in flat and hurdle events, being provided for.

The race for the jockey premiership is beginning to assume interesting proportions. The riders are entering upon their last mile now, and Berry is leading, but there is plenty of time with a bit of luck for some of those who are not far behind to catch him, especially should his luck not continue so good. All the same, Berry looks to have a short-priced chance of coming out on top.

It is pleasing to have to record a further brace of wins for Mr. Harvey Patterson's horses during the Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting last week. Trainer Scobie set the ball rolling when at the Auckland Racing Club's summer meeting he captured a race each with Silver Shield and Fabrikoff. This success he followed up by winning a race at the Wellington Cup meeting with Fabrikoff, while Silver Shield annexed a double at the Dunedin gathering last week. Mr. Harvey Patterson's horses are likely to prove a big acquisition to the New Zealand turf, and all sportsman will welcome his successes in this country.