

and which, roughly speaking, is as follows:—Every horse born in France to qualify for all French races must stay in France up to June 1 following the year of his birth. It is in addition necessary that a certificate of identity (signed by a qualified veterinary surgeon and approved by the owner) shall give the detailed markings of the horse and shall be deposited with the Society of Encouragement three clear days before the departure of the horse. If this formality is not fulfilled the horse is only qualified for international races. For these special reasons (this is in fact the case of Sweeper II, who was sent into England some days after his birth at the foot of his dam) the horse, having quitted France—although only provisionally—before the age of eighteen months, is therefore considered as a foreign horse, and is not qualified for French flat racing, but only for what are called the international races. Mr. Duryea having omitted to fulfil these conditions, Sweeper II. was disqualified from taking part in any French races.

Sunburnt, who won the Flying Handicap at Canterbury Park (New South Wales) on Saturday, is by Multiform from Drought, and is now in his fourth year. The six furlongs were covered in 1min 15 1/2 sec.

The New Zealand-bred horse Fugue won the Stewards' Mile at the same meeting.

At the Moonee Valley Races the New Zealand horse Gold Braid was re-called in the Welter.

Wolawa, by Wallace, was the crack two-year-old colt of the season both in Sydney and Melbourne, and after his good showing in the autumn the "two Wolawas" was supported for a lot of money to win the V.R.C. Derby and Melbourne Cup. His backer would get a rude shock last week when it was found that the colt was not nominated in either the Caulfield or Melbourne Cups.

Betting by means of a system is not very much in vogue here, but in Australia it is quite common, and its followers never bother about the breed of the horse, its rider, position at the post, or several other items which the hard-headed backer must have in his favour before he invests. The most common of all systems is that known as "martingaling on the favourite." The proceeding is to support the favourite in the first race, and if unsuccessful to double your investment on the next favourite, and so on. However, it sometimes happens that such a run of disaster overtakes the favourites that a backer cannot keep going. This was the case at Randwick at the Birthday meeting, when nine favourites in succession went under. This is one of the longest "runs of outs" that has occurred at "horse" meetings in Sydney for many years past.—"Dominion."

The Southern sporting scribe "Sir Bedivere" points out that whilst the Australian Jockey Club recently decided to disallow other than entire horses to contest the Derby, the Johannesburg Club has concluded to remove such an embargo. This because experience here shows that the restrictive conditions referred to merely tended to persuade breeders to leave all their colts entire, with the result that the country was becoming overrun with an inferior type of stallion. Quite so; but there is another good reason why unsexed colts should be permitted to compete, viz., their presence in the field will offer an additional test of the merits of their entire contemporaries. Some people, regarding the subject from a sentimental standpoint, maintain that the sight of a gelding winning a country's chief classic event savours strongly of farce. They hold that as such races are clearly established for the purpose of improving the breed of blood horses, it is ridiculous to allow any animal which is unable to breed to compete in them. Is it not better, however, that when the test of merit is applied it should be as severe and accurate a test as it is possible to make it? Viewing the position in this light, the spectacle of a gelding leading a Derby field home should cause no remorse whatever. It should, rather, cause satisfaction in the thought that it has prevented us falling into the error of believing that

the gelding's entire opponents were of greater merit than was actually the case.

Speaking at a complimentary dinner tendered him by his brother trainers at Riccarton, R. J. Mason said it was pleasing to him to look round, and to find among those present so many old friends. Mr Derrett had spoken of his career as if it was limited to about twenty-five years, but he would have been nearer the mark if he had said forty-five. It was nearly forty-seven years since he had first been associated with Mr Cutts, who was now the veteran of New Zealand racing, while he had known Mr Thomson for about forty years, and Mr Hobbs for a similar period. As for Mr Derrett, he would not care to say how long they had been ac-

Coroneted will next make his appearance in the colours of Mr. Jas. McKelvie, of Rangitikei. He should certainly be found equal to winning hurdle events, for he has no little pace and can jump well. His success at Ellerslie was one of the easiest of the meeting.

The name of Decided has been claimed for the half sister to Undecided, by Achilles, from St. Amy.

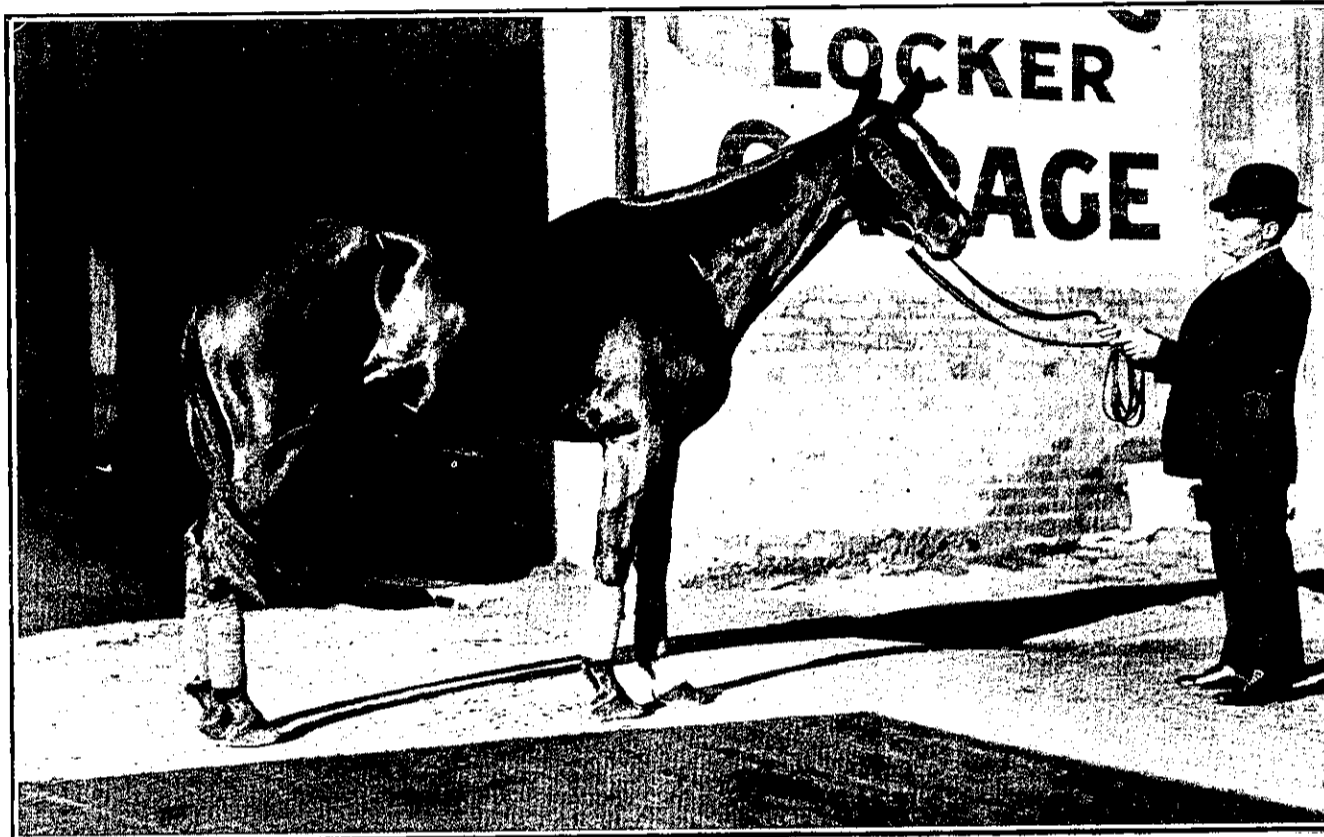
On Friday Master Paul was schooled over the steeplechase fences at Riccarton, and gave an excellent display of jumping.

A Southland paper states that the trotting rider E. J. Dwyer, had a good deal to do with the schooling of the steeplechaser Lugeon, the double winner at Wingatui.

onet, and is almost a full brother in blood to the well-known North Island steeplechaser Kaitere. Vulgar Boy will probably be seen out at the Grand National meeting at Riccarton in August.

"Anxious," Grey Lynn, writes to ask if A, B, C, D, and E are playing, euchre calling on the best card, E orders C up and gets three tricks and E gets two, does C get the euchre points or does A, B, and C. The rule is: The points are to be taken as arranged at the start of the game.

On Tuesday night Mr Harry Hayr gave a game dinner at the Star Hotel to a number of his personal friends. Mr H. T. Gorrie presided, and read sheafs of telegrams from



A WELL-KNOWN AUCKLAND HURDLER WHO HAS BEEN SHIPPED TO AUSTRALIA—Mr. Harry S. Wilson's ch g DON QUEX, aged, by Car digan—Jessamine.

quainted, but it was since Mr Derrett was a boy, so his hearers could judge that it was a long time since they first met.

G. Murray-Aynsley has decided to put the gelding Silver Blaze into commission at Riccarton, with a view to contesting some of the big steeplechase events at the Grand National meeting.

R. Wilson, a well-known South Island horseman, will probably return to Australia within a week or so. When previously in the Commonwealth, Wilson acted as head lad to the well-known trainer, D. J. Price, for whom he won a number of races. It was Wilson who was on Atahua when the Mahaki gelding had a lead of nearly a furlong in the Caulfield National Hurdles, but got rid of his

prominent sportsmen throughout the Dominion conveying felicitous messages to the genial "Old Hoss." One message came from young Harry Hayr, who was en route for Australia. The wireless telegram came to hand during the course of the festivities, and was greeted with a hearty round of applause. Needless to say, the dinner was a veritable feast—the best of everything was provided—and the heartiest manifestation of good fellowship characterized a most happy reunion of many of Mr Hayr's best friends, who were not backward in showering on him good wishes and worthy eulogiums that must have brought joy to the big-hearted and most estimable host.

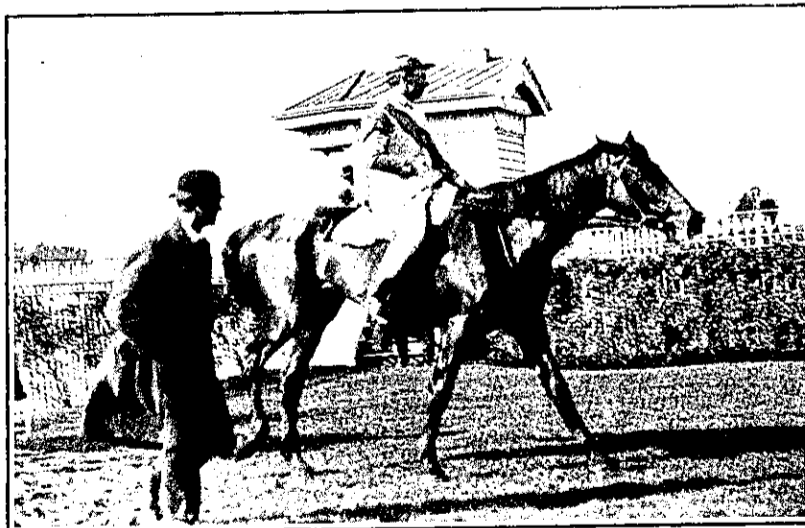
Fred Williams, a well-known "pencil," leaves for Sydney next Monday, with the intention of taking up his permanent residence there.

Peggy Pryde has run her last race, and will henceforth be utilised for stud purposes.

There are prospects of Kakama racing in future in Australia. She has been nominated for several events on the other side of the Tasman Sea.

The annual meeting of the New Zealand Racing Conference is set down for July 18 at the Town Hall, Wellington. The Dates and Permits Committee will meet on July 16.

In recent years the line of Galopin and St. Simon has not done much in the way of successes in the Derby. When members of that family (in tail-male descent) won the Epsom classic four times in five years, beginning with Diamond Jubilee, Volo-



GALVATA (Mr. C. Wallace) after his win in the Hunt Club Cup Steeplechase (3 1/2 miles) at the Great Northern meeting at Ellerslie.

Mulga Bill, who has certainly done his share of racing, is to be treated to a spell, and will not be seen out again until the spring.

The best two-year-old filly seen out in England this season is Bonnie Bird, by Missel Thrush out of Vortex, who has won races in a style that suggests she is a champion.

The New Zealand Trotting Association will support a proposal to make it compulsory for trotting clubs to provide two races for unhopped trotters on all programmes carrying eight races per day, and that one-fifth of the stakes allotted for the meeting be attached to such events.

jockey at the last fence, and so robbed his connections of a very big win.

Trainer P. T. Hogan has in hand (in Southland) a powerful and very promising-looking cross-country horse, known as Vulgar Boy. He is by Cor-

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