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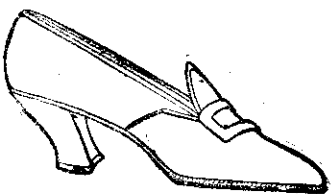
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**TRAMP! Tramp! Tramp! Hear their
ceaseless beat:**

Hear the Town Council beat,
What on earth is that they have upon
their feet,
Why! Boots repaired at Hawthorne's
shop!
Repairs that can't be beat.



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SPORTING.

Billy Robinson is on holiday in the North
Island.

To-night the secretary to the Canterbury
Jockey Club will receive entries for the
principal events at the Grand National
Meeting.

His many friends will rejoice to hear
that True Blue Morton is round the cor-
ner, and doing as well as can be expected
after a serious illness.

The Canterbury Jockey Club recently
elected their late secretary to their very
exclusive list of life members. A worthy
appreciation of a very worthy servant's
devotion to the club.

I have to acknowledge receipt of an in-
vitation to the Wairoa Jockey Club's
annual smoke concert to be held at Night-
caps next Friday evening, and all going
well I will be there.

Deviation who came from the North Is-
land with a reputation a couple of seasons
ago returned north without ever showing
decent form, but at Hastings on Wednes-
day, he won a £400 hurdle race. Evi-
dently the South didn't agree with him.

It is to be seriously hoped that during
the time P.T.H. is attending to his new
job, that he will not let the charges of
Rorke's Drift Lodge go back in condition.
It is an old saying that the pen is mightier
than the sword, but I haven't heard of it
being compared with a whip at the end
of a race yet.

Have any of those who advocate the
Jockeys' Union, and claim that the in-
crease in stakes is one of the reasons why
jockeys should get more pay which they
maintain they would under a union (?), not
yet realised that as jockeys are already
paid on a sliding scale, according to the
amount of the stakes won, that they too,
participate in the increased money.

According to the Master (capital "M")
please, Mr Printer of Rorke's Drift Lodge,
Wild Pilgrim has cost Jack Graham £110
in riding fees in hurdle races during the
year ended June 5, 1920. Wild Pilgrim
hasn't won a hurdle race yet, so when he
does Jack will want the stake to recoup
him the riding fees alone.

My friend P. T. Hogan desires to know
if "Sir Modred" had ever served an ap-
prenticeship? I don't know about my
worthy friend on the Thunderer, but I am
beginning to think that P.T.H. must have
served an apprenticeship with the pen as
well as to ditching and training.

"Sir Modred" certainly did give P.T.H.
a chance to get one on to him when he
said that steeplechase jockeys were only
engaged at their game for three months of
the year. If "Sir Modred" will look up
the Turf Registers for as many years back
as he can find them he will surely see that
there is not a week goes by that there are
not hurdle races or steeplechases being run
in the Dominion. For 3 months in the year
they are kept unusually busy, but for the
remainder of the season there are always
jumping races of some kind to keep them
in pocket money.

It was races they were discussing in
the reading room of a big cosmopolitan
hotel, and it had really become a contest
amongst those sitting round the fire as to
who could tell the story of the closest race
he had ever seen. It came to the turn of
the Scotchman, and he enthusiastically
described a race he had once seen when two
horses left the starter's hands locked to-
gether, ran for two miles stride for stride
to the judge's box, where it would have
been quite impossible even for Alex Mac-
anlay to have separated them, but just at
the critical moment one of the horses put
his tongue out, and the judge decided in
his favour by a tongue. The Scotchman
turned round to his listeners and asked
each one in turn if they had ever seen a
closer race. There happened to be an
American in the room, and looking Scotty
full in the face dryly remarked: "Wal,
Mister! I once spent a fortnight in Scot-
land."

I regret very much that the controver-
sy over the Jockeys' Union has not

brought before the public some of the good
old rulers of the sport in this Dominion
have done. There has been too much pulling
round about the things that may not be sat-
isfactory to both sides. But let us take
the benefits that the jockeys derive from
the present Accident Fund arranged for
them. Owners pay ten shillings for each
horse—they start in a race once a season,
and their responsibility ceases. From this
fund the whole of a jockey's expenses are
paid should he meet with an accident, be-
sides a very liberal allowance above this
to recompense himself for the loss of
wages. The payments in connection with
one case quoted by the "Referee" recently
showed that over £5 a week had been al-
lowed an injured jockey for about a year.
Has any union of workers in the Dominion
got such a generous compensation law to
look after the interests of its members?
But above all this, do the jockeys as a
united body want a union? I don't think
so. The heads of the profession are doing
well under the present management, and
the rules of racing make good terms for
the rising and younger boys, provided the
latter play the game and look after them-
selves. Take for instance, young Ellis,
in F. D. Jones' stable! That boy has look-
ed after himself and shown ability with
the result that he has had invested for
him several hundreds of pounds, being half
the riding and winning fees he has earned
this season. His employer has not only
taught him his profession, but has paid
him all the while, and when Ellis' inden-
tures expire he will, with luck, have prob-
ably a nest egg of £2000 or £3000 to
start with. Can any other profession or
trade union turn out a journeyman in
three years with as much in his pocket or
such good prospects before him?

MARKET NOTES.

Messrs Bray Bros., Ltd., Fruit Sales-
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choice and delicious, 5d per lb; Jonathans,
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4d per lb; Winter Nellis, 3d to 4d; other
dessert varieties 3d to 3d. Cooking
Pears, 6s 6d to 8s per case.

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Swedes, 2s to 3s per bag. Carrots, 4s per
bag. Parsnips, to 2d per lb.

General.—Lepp Salt Lick, 2s 3d per
brick; wholesale, 2s. Cow Covers (lined),
21s 6d; unlined, 20s. Horse Covers (best
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