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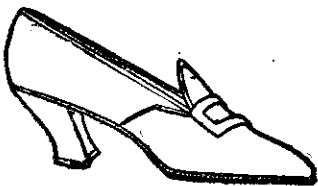
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Moneybags will be in the winning list before long.

Hoch Aye and Miss O'Neill were two costly horses to follow at Gore.

Sunlit let her supporters down badly on two occasions at Gore.

Nellie Scott broke her gear on Monday, and did a circuit with a broken bridle.

Jock ran very badly at Gore. His late owners quitted him at the right moment.

Mirza doesn't finish gamely. Perhaps he will do better later in the season when he gets more seasoned.

Look out for Tin Soldier next week. He ran second in the last Winton Cup and should improve on that effort this season.

With the wins of Bengeroop, Kilkee, Almoner, and Palladio, "Put" Hogan was again the top dog trainer at the Gore meeting.

Cattach is a very useful sprinter when placed in the right company, and he found the surroundings on Monday to his liking.

Willy Wilson has Matty's Boy well. He was handicapped at 4min 50sec on Monday, but would have had to break 4min 45sec to have won.

Ferry Wallace on the limit and winning in 2min 25sec was a sweet thing. Roseberry would have had to break 2min 10sec to beat her.

Kilkee was served up hot in the Chart-ton Handicap on Saturday, and being in a generous mood he won fairly comfortably at the finish from Revolution who tried to win all the way.

Thaddeus is an in and out beggar. At Wingatui the second day he beat a good field. At Gore each day he was the very last to finish in his races. He would need to belong to a saint to be above suspicion.

Frank Young has quickly attained a high degree of efficiency as a secretary. What Frank doesn't know now about the job isn't worth bothering about.

The price of paper is very high just now, but still a bob a time for a "Kor-rect Kard," must show some profit, and several hundred more race-cards could have been sold on the course on Saturday.

What a difference an apprentice jockey made to Etta's running. On Saturday under Arty Wilson's handling she won very easily. On Monday under the guidance of an apprentice she was unable not only to foot it at the finish with Twinkle, but Galway also gave her the go-by at the finish.

War Scot (one "T" please in future Mr Young) was splendidly handled in the two mile harness trot on Monday. Had Coldwater been as well driven I think he would have won.

Bengeroop was not able to give his stable mate, Almoner, a stone on Monday. Certainly Billy Robinson made a lot of use of him, but he had the rails all the way and it would have been bad judgment to have waited anywhere but in front.

Considering his performances Almoner was extremely well treated in being handicapped only three pounds above Silent King in the Gore Cup. He was well, and ran one of the best races since Hogan has trained him.

Silent King is not a good stayer yet, but with time he may yet get to the end of a mile and a quarter. I should not think he will survive the next N.Z. Cup payment.

Linton, owned and trained by Albert Ward at Riverton, is quite a different sort of liability to Linden, who ran second to Bengeroop, and beat Kilkee on Monday evening. Linton was whispered about on Saturday morning as a good thing for the First Hack race, but he wasn't amongst the first half-dozen at the finish. He may be a better bet when the opposition is not so strong.

Dunnure couldn't go the pace in the Wantwood Steeplechase and was toiling a long way behind all the way.

Eleus and Jock started sixth and seventh favourites in the Waikaka Handicap, and finished seventh (last) and sixth respectively. Eleus isn't ready yet, and Jock isn't racing up to his winter form at all.

If Jack Kennedy had given Mademoiselle Fedelina a little shorter name he would have pleased sporting reporters, and it wouldn't have made very much difference to her pace.

Dave Calder's Sartolite won his heat easily on Saturday, beating a very hot favourite in Sunlit. He led all the way, and won with a bit to spare at the finish. Jimmy Thistleton has this neddly very well just now.

Bill Stone's Winton Stakes, not Wyndham Stakes, as our evening contemporary has it, candidate Mautau, was given a run on Saturday and finished fifth. She will have to do better than this if she is to win at Winton.

Billy Robinson must have done a good starve last Saturday, for 8st 9lbs was the lightest he could ride Vice Grand in the Dominion Hack Handicap, and he rode Bengeroop at 8st 3lbs in the Gore Cup on Monday.

Take Down had too much pace for Palladio in the steeplechase on Saturday, and after Precious Metal fell at the post and rails she had nothing to extend her. She jumped more carefully than usual after getting into the first fence.

Precious Metal made the pace very merry in the Wantwood Steeplechase, and gave a fine exhibition of jumping until he made the fatal mistake at the post and rails. He broke both hind fetlocks and had to be destroyed.

Once again the Michaela crowd were too clever. They put their dough and an inexperienced apprentice on the ex-Stewards' Handicap winner and both went down. She was left several lengths at the post and never looked like joining the field.

Silverpeak is some sprinter all right! She carried her 9st 6lbs on Saturday like a real race horse and perhaps over-confidently ridden by George Young she just shoved her nose in front of Satisfaction in time to catch another £105 for Bill Stone.

Miss O'Neill was paying under a thirty bob dividend in the Mile Trot and never left the mark. She showed she had some pace running along the back but it was too late then.

Alex McLellan made no mistake with Sweet Chimes in the Otama Trot. He got her well away and stayed in front to the finish. Sweet Chimes shook off Swanny Smith with St. Mihiel very easily at the end of a mile and a quarter, but St. Mihiel with a little more training will catch a stake before long.

When Jack Winter fell out of the cart attached to War Chimes in the Otama Trot, Coldwater ran right over him, but did not hurt Winter. Coldwater's chances however were spoiled.

Bengeroop made hacks of those opposed to him in the Waikaka Handicap, and Tommy Metcalfe quickly realised that he should make the most of his light weight so took him to the front and raced Silent King off his legs before a mile had been covered. At the finish Linden was only half a length away, but I think Bengeroop had a good deal up his sleeve.

Etta was too good for anything else in the First Hack Handicap at Gore on Saturday, and romped home an easy winner from the Wairoa trained and owned Blue Admiral, who just got up in time to beat Moneybags for second money. Marching Order, who was second favourite, was never in the hunt.

Couldn't the committee of the Gore Club devise a better method of admitting its patrons who arrive by motor car? On Monday a friend motored a couple of

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lady friends and your humble servant up. We all had tickets, yet we had to dismount at the motor enclosure gate, excepting the driver. It was a fine day so it didn't matter a great deal, but supposing it had been a wet day, the ladies in our party would have got wet through before they found the car again. The idea seems to me to be a senseless one in every way, for in addition to the inconvenience to passengers it also causes delay at the entrance. Surely all ticket holders should be admitted! Amongst the many hundreds I talked to in the enclosure on Monday I did not find one person who did not condemn the idea.

I don't know the gentleman's name but he deserves credit all the same for having not only the racing track in first-class order, but also the grounds and gardens looking at their best. The Gore Club sure have some caretaker! It was quite a pleasure to be on the grounds each day, and Frank Young has certainly improved the layout since taking up the reins of management.

Fred Wallis was in good form at the starting barrier at Gore on Saturday, and his work compared more than favourably with the starting of a lot of professional. There were no delays at the start, and no horse was left during the afternoon.

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