

...to the judge's stands are wholly inco...
 ...reckless, and sometimes worse.
 They do not comprehend the importance of
 the trust imposed upon them, and actually
 do not care. Such men are unfit for the re-
 sponsibilities of the position, and should not
 be allowed to enter the stand, and never
 could under a one-judge system. The ex-
 periment is, at least, worthy of a trial, and
 we hope the clubs will take it into considera-
 tion.—*Spirit of the Times.*

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE COURSE.

We have had many inquiries recently about the Grand National Steeplechase Course at Liverpool, and to accommodate the inquiries we have taken the following description from Land and Water of March 26, 1876, of this celebrated course, which has the merit of being both complete and accurate:

"Start to the right of the grand stand, and the first quarter of a mile is on the race-course, then across the road on to a piece of firm-going arable land for about 800 yards in extent to the first obstacle, a post and rails and big yawning ditch on the take-off side, the fence being a stiff bit of quickset hedge. This jump is about the most formidable of the course. All the natural fences have a bit of post and rails on the take-off side. Another short piece of plough, and the second fence is reached, of much the same character as the first, but not so difficult. About 200 yards more plough, and they reach an easy rail and hedge, then a good quarter-mile stretch of grass, and welcome to Valentine's Brook, a stiffish hedge, and a ditch on the landing side. A short bend by the railway on a piece of clover, and we reach the fifth obstacle, a thick bushy fence, without a ditch, and then about 200 yards of grass, ridge and furrow. The sixth fence is a stout quickset, with small ditch on the taking-off side, and then sweeping round on grass near the canal, the celebrated Becher's Brook is reached, but, like Valentine's, it is a brook only in name. It is a good rasping jump, however, stiff post and rails, solid fence, and yawning ditch on other side. Then comes a piece of very fine holding plough, about a quarter of a mile, along the canal side, and we meet the eighth obstacle, a rail and ditch on the taking-off side and fence. Grass then completes the circuit, the ninth fence, the same line of country as the first jump, being an old-fashioned hedge and big ditch, after which about 200 yards brings us to the road, to cross which a steep incline has to be taken, and then a corresponding declivity off the road on to the race-course. Taking the inner-circle, half a mile brings us to the made fence. About 800 yards further on is the artificial water jump, opposite the stand, a thick wattled fence, with a breadth of about 15 feet of water, and, although great care has been taken to render both taking-off and landing sound, no mistake must be made in negotiating it, or the horse is sure to come to grief. After this, out into the country again, and over the course, as already described, once more, until getting on the race-course the second time, three-quarters of a mile from the finish, when the outer or flat track is taken. In the straight there are three flights of hurdles to be got over before the winning post is reached, the entire distance being not far short of five miles, nearly a mile and a half being through plough. The number of jumps are twenty-three.

POCAHON TAS.—Mr. Bonner's pacing mare P. calico, 18 years old, was given a mile trial July 8th, in 2:17.

Mr. Edward Weatherly, has been appointed paid handicapper by the Jockey Club. The ir clipse has fallen upon an able man, but as the successor of Admiral Rous he has a hard road to travel.

of Ohio; dam supposed to be by Royal George.

6—D. S. Booth, Ottawa, b h CART. WEBB, by Sunshine (thoroughbred), dam the Kennedy mare, by the Washburn Horse.

7—David Gillis, St Catherines, ch h FULTON, by old Tempest, dam the dam of Fred Hooper.

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