

# OPPORTUNITY FOR TATTERSALL'S. LAYERS COULD DECIDE TO INTRODUCE THE "COUPLING" RULE. ROCHESTER SCRATCHED.

My recent views about the necessity for owners who care to start more than one horse in the same race being sheltered from the insinuations of the public by the introduction of a rule which, for waging purposes, classes all representatives of an owner as one, are materially strengthened by the views which reach me by express post. Not that all the writers intend to strengthen my case, but the fact that so many are not inclined to have a new word for the owners just shows how necessary it is for something to be done in the matter.

I hold no brief for any particular owner or any particular class of backers, for there are wrong 'uns as well as straightforward men at both games, and if you prefer I put that right—I will state that such a rule as I have suggested would safeguard backers from losing their money just as much as it would certain owners from undeserved abuse. I know how hard it is to get the Jockey Club to take up such matters—especially as the question of betting is materially affected—so if they do not see their way to move at all in the matter, could we not ask the committee of Tattersall's to take the initiative? They could do it in a minute—if they felt so desired!

## PARI-MUTUEL LAW.

I find that in France—where the rule has long been in existence—it does not appear in any other part of their racing laws. Over there an owner's representative is only treated as one in the case of a horse being placed in a race, but for all other purposes, each horse is treated as a separate entity. This is a very fair and reasonable arrangement, and it would be a good idea for us to adopt it. It would be far more satisfactory, too, for you often only see one representative merely adopt the role of pacesetter, and then disappear when the finish is so close that the competition goes on to win or lose.

I fully expect that there will be a squeal from the bookmakers for my "daring" suggestion that they should have a little "perks" when an owner is doubly represented, for, at present they often get the public in a rare tangle, and stand to make a good deal of money out of it. But I think it would be a very fair and reasonable arrangement, and it would be a good idea for us to adopt it. It would be far more satisfactory, too, for you often only see one representative merely adopt the role of pacesetter, and then disappear when the finish is so close that the competition goes on to win or lose.

## ANTE-POST WAGERING.

It is therefore with no feeling of asking too much that I hint to Tattersall's that they should consider the matter seriously before they consider it. I feel that it might do no harm to the great game of racing at all, if it were to be the "great game" of ante-post betting. That, however, is another point, but it would save the nasty things often said by the public who are on a well-borne "stammer" only to see that an owner has very different ideas on the subject when the day of the race comes round. In the various suggestions which I have made I do not want to be considered dogmatic. All I ask is that they should have the power to deal with the matter in their "pros and cons" and not let things slide along in their present unsatisfactory state. I am sure that I have the greater percentage of the public with me.

## REST FOR STEADFAST.

Another important scratching yesterday was that of Steadfast by his remaining owner, Lord Derby's, who is now centred in the case of Chancer, it was not unexpected that he will be given a rest after being in training practically all the season. It would have been interesting to see him take on Prince Palatine at level weights at Longchamps on Sunday, but Basse Pointe covered the necessary three miles and seven furlongs of the Prix de la Forêt, and was gaining a most promising victory in three lengths. It was her last race, for M. de St. Alary will now send her to his stud. In this season's race the little mare has credited him with 25,500.

The champion French two-year-old, M. de St. Alary, by Maitre-Mario, was on the Grand Critérium yesterday. Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt paid £2,000 for him at last year's Deauville sales, and the youngster has already won 27,000—which is a record for a two-year-old in France. He has now won five races in France, and he is engaged in next year's Epsom Derby and the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown. There seems some doubt, however, whether he will stand training for long.

Although there was no racing yesterday, it cannot be said that any brisk business was done on the Cambridgehire, although Mustapha was in considerable favour. Horner's Beauty was still the nominal favourite, and his presence in a mile and a half race at Crick to-day will give the meeting added interest. The Beauty won over that distance when the opposition has been moderate, and he is not likely to be stretched to-day, although it is certainly not his best course.

## THE SCOUT.

London Betting.

THE CAMBRIDGEHIRE.

Ran Wednesday, October 15. One mile and one furlong. 1. Mustapha, 3. 2. Horner's Beauty, 3. 3. 13 f. and 0. 4. 1. 5. 1. 6. 1. 7. 1. 8. 1. 9. 1. 10. 1. 11. 1. 12. 1. 13. 1. 14. 1. 15. 1. 16. 1. 17. 1. 18. 1. 19. 1. 20. 1. 21. 1. 22. 1. 23. 1. 24. 1. 25. 1. 26. 1. 27. 1. 28. 1. 29. 1. 30. 1. 31. 1. 32. 1. 33. 1. 34. 1. 35. 1. 36. 1. 37. 1. 38. 1. 39. 1. 40. 1. 41. 1. 42. 1. 43. 1. 44. 1. 45. 1. 46. 1. 47. 1. 48. 1. 49. 1. 50. 1. 51. 1. 52. 1. 53. 1. 54. 1. 55. 1. 56. 1. 57. 1. 58. 1. 59. 1. 60. 1. 61. 1. 62. 1. 63. 1. 64. 1. 65. 1. 66. 1. 67. 1. 68. 1. 69. 1. 70. 1. 71. 1. 72. 1. 73. 1. 74. 1. 75. 1. 76. 1. 77. 1. 78. 1. 79. 1. 80. 1. 81. 1. 82. 1. 83. 1. 84. 1. 85. 1. 86. 1. 87. 1. 88. 1. 89. 1. 90. 1. 91. 1. 92. 1. 93. 1. 94. 1. 95. 1. 96. 1. 97. 1. 98. 1. 99. 1. 100. 1. 101. 1. 102. 1. 103. 1. 104. 1. 105. 1. 106. 1. 107. 1. 108. 1. 109. 1. 110. 1. 111. 1. 112. 1. 113. 1. 114. 1. 115. 1. 116. 1. 117. 1. 118. 1. 119. 1. 120. 1. 121. 1. 122. 1. 123. 1. 124. 1. 125. 1. 126. 1. 127. 1. 128. 1. 129. 1. 130. 1. 131. 1. 132. 1. 133. 1. 134. 1. 135. 1. 136. 1. 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## IMPORTANT SCRATCHINGS.

Cambridgehire Stakes, Newmarket-Rochester (at 1.30). 1. Mustapha, 3. 2. Horner's Beauty, 3. 3. 13 f. and 0. 4. 1. 5. 1. 6. 1. 7. 1. 8. 1. 9. 1. 10. 1. 11. 1. 12. 1. 13. 1. 14. 1. 15. 1. 16. 1. 17. 1. 18. 1. 19. 1. 20. 1. 21. 1. 22. 1. 23. 1. 24. 1. 25. 1. 26. 1. 27. 1. 28. 1. 29. 1. 30. 1. 31. 1. 32. 1. 33. 1. 34. 1. 35. 1. 36. 1. 37. 1. 38. 1. 39. 1. 40. 1. 41. 1. 42. 1. 43. 1. 44. 1. 45. 1. 46. 1. 47. 1. 48. 1. 49. 1. 50. 1. 51. 1. 52. 1. 53. 1. 54. 1. 55. 1. 56. 1. 57. 1. 58. 1. 59. 1. 60. 1. 61. 1. 62. 1. 63. 1. 64. 1. 65. 1. 66. 1. 67. 1. 68. 1. 69. 1. 70. 1. 71. 1. 72. 1. 73. 1. 74. 1. 75. 1. 76. 1. 77. 1. 78. 1. 79. 1. 80. 1. 81. 1. 82. 1. 83. 1. 84. 1. 85. 1. 86. 1. 87. 1. 88. 1. 89. 1. 90. 1. 91. 1. 92. 1. 93. 1. 94. 1. 95. 1. 96. 1. 97. 1. 98. 1. 99. 1. 100. 1. 101. 1. 102. 1. 103. 1. 104. 1. 105. 1. 106. 1. 107. 1. 108. 1. 109. 1. 110. 1. 111. 1. 112. 1. 113. 1. 114. 1. 115. 1. 116. 1. 117. 1. 118. 1. 119. 1. 120. 1. 121. 1. 122. 1. 123. 1. 124. 1. 125. 1. 126. 1. 127. 1. 128. 1. 129. 1. 130. 1. 131. 1. 132. 1. 133. 1. 134. 1. 135. 1. 136. 1. 137. 1. 138. 1. 139. 1. 140. 1. 141. 1. 142. 1. 143. 1. 144. 1. 145. 1. 146. 1. 147. 1. 148. 1. 149. 1. 150. 1. 151. 1. 152. 1. 153. 1. 154. 1. 155. 1. 156. 1. 157. 1. 158. 1. 159. 1. 160. 1. 161. 1. 162. 1. 163. 1. 164. 1. 165. 1. 166. 1. 167. 1. 168. 1. 169. 1. 170. 1. 171. 1. 172. 1. 173. 1. 174. 1. 175. 1. 176. 1. 177. 1. 178. 1. 179. 1. 180. 1. 181. 1. 182. 1. 183. 1. 184. 1. 185. 1. 186. 1. 187. 1. 188. 1. 189. 1. 190. 1. 191. 1. 192. 1. 193. 1. 194. 1. 195. 1. 196. 1. 197. 1. 198. 1. 199. 1. 200. 1. 201. 1. 202. 1. 203. 1. 204. 1. 205. 1. 206. 1. 207. 1. 208. 1. 209. 1. 210. 1. 211. 1. 212. 1. 213. 1. 214. 1. 215. 1. 216. 1. 217. 1. 218. 1. 219. 1. 220. 1. 221. 1. 222. 1. 223. 1. 224. 1. 225. 1. 226. 1. 227. 1. 228. 1. 229. 1. 230. 1. 231. 1. 232. 1. 233. 1. 234. 1. 235. 1. 236. 1. 237. 1. 238. 1. 239. 1. 240. 1. 241. 1. 242. 1. 243. 1. 244. 1. 245. 1. 246. 1. 247. 1. 248. 1. 249. 1. 250. 1. 251. 1. 252. 1. 253. 1. 254. 1. 255. 1. 256. 1. 257. 1. 258. 1. 259. 1. 260. 1. 261. 1. 262. 1. 263. 1. 264. 1. 265. 1. 266. 1. 267. 1. 268. 1. 269. 1. 270. 1. 271. 1. 272. 1. 273. 1. 274. 1. 275. 1. 276. 1. 277. 1. 278. 1. 279. 1. 280. 1. 281. 1. 282. 1. 283. 1. 284. 1. 285. 1. 286. 1. 287. 1. 288. 1. 289. 1. 290. 1. 291. 1. 292. 1. 293. 1. 294. 1. 295. 1. 296. 1. 297. 1. 298. 1. 299. 1. 300. 1. 301. 1. 302. 1. 303. 1. 304. 1. 305. 1. 306. 1. 307. 1. 308. 1. 309. 1. 310. 1. 311. 1. 312. 1. 313. 1. 314. 1. 315. 1. 316. 1. 317. 1. 318. 1. 319. 1. 320. 1. 321. 1. 322. 1. 323. 1. 324. 1. 325. 1. 326. 1. 327. 1. 328. 1. 329. 1. 330. 1. 331. 1. 332. 1. 333. 1. 334. 1. 335. 1. 336. 1. 337. 1. 338. 1. 339. 1. 340. 1. 341. 1. 342. 1. 343. 1. 344. 1. 345. 1. 346. 1. 347. 1. 348. 1. 349. 1. 350. 1. 351. 1. 352. 1. 353. 1. 354. 1. 355. 1. 356. 1. 357. 1. 358. 1. 359. 1. 360. 1. 361. 1. 362. 1. 363. 1. 364. 1. 365. 1. 366. 1. 367. 1. 368. 1. 369. 1.