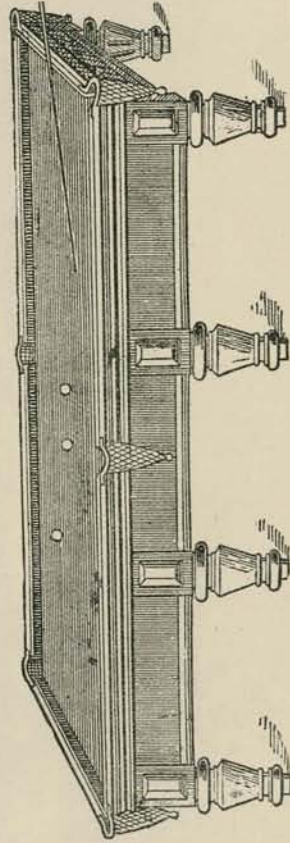


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The Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association was founded in 1863, and is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. It has, perhaps, one of the finest Show Grounds in the Australasian Colonies, embracing forty acres, and situated less than two miles from Christchurch. These grounds are conveniently laid out, and ample provision is made for housing the whole of the horse, cattle, and pig exhibits. The Association's membership is about 800, and when it is considered that there are no less than four other local societies similar in character, all claiming support from surrounding farmers, it will be readily understood why the Metropolitan membership is not larger. The annual fixtures consist of the great Spring Show, held on the 9th November every year, the Show extending over three days. The People's Day (usually the 9th) attracts the very large attendance of some 25,000 persons. A parade of stallions is held in October, and in March there is an annual sale of rams, numbering usually between three and four thousand. In addition to these events, the Association publishes a "Journal of Agriculture," which is distributed free to the members; also, the "New Zealand Herd Books" of "Shorthorn Cattle" and "Cattle of Other Breeds," and the "Draught Horse Stud Book." The Association's offices are located in the Agricultural and Industrial Hall, Manchester Street, Christchurch. The Association's library is a valuable one, accessible to members at all times during office hours.