

FATAL STEEPLECHASING ACCIDENT.

AN AMATEUR RIDER KILLED.

The Maribyrnong racecourse was the scene of a fatal accident on Saturday. The starters in the Hunters' Steeplechase included a grey gelding named Atlantic, who, on the strength of running second to Darnley in a race of a similar kind on this course a month previously, was made favourite. He was ridden by Mr. William T. Harrison, an amateur rider well known with the Melbourne Hounds, and who was recognised as a good horseman. Atlantic went well until the second last fence was reached, when in negotiating the obstacle one of the other horses appeared to collide with him. Atlantic fell after landing, and rolled over his rider. The horse at once regained his feet, but his rider never moved after the fall. He was quickly conveyed to the casualty-room, where medical examination showed his case to be almost hopeless. He had been injured internally through the animal he was riding rolling on his chest. It was decided to remove the unfortunate rider to Mr. T. N. Fitzgerald's private hospital, and shortly after his arrival there he expired. No one appears to be to blame for the affair, which seems to be one of those unavoidable accidents which occur in steeplechasing. The horse was a good jumper, and usually very safe to ride. Mr. Harrison, who was only 27 years of age, was a son of the late Mr. Charles Harrison, of Kapunda, South Australia, and a nephew of Mr. T. S. Harrison, cork merchant, of Little Collins-street.