

**A SCHEME THAT WENT WRONG**

**The Plot to Rob Teddington of the Blue Ribbon in 1851—Leander's Missing Head—A Dramatic Episode—Winners Foretold in Dreams.**

If it were possible to write the full and true history of the Derby it would contain some startling revelations of strange doings behind the scenes of which the public has little suspicion and no actual knowledge.

There is, for instance, little doubt that a very different tale would have been told of Teddington's Derby but for the prompt action of his wide awake owner, Sir Joseph Hawley. When the Kentish baronet attended the York spring meeting of 1851 he was amazed to find the bookmakers eager to lay odds to any amount against his colt, who was looked on as a certain winner of the blue ribbon as a few weeks later. Sir Joseph at once scented mischief, and, leaving the course, he traveled as fast as relays of swift horses could take him to his training quarters, where he communicated his suspicions to Alec Taylor, his trainer.

As the result of their deliberations Teddington was at once removed to another box, placed under the charge of a different boy and a strict watch kept over him night and day. Whatever scheme was on foot to disable the horse was thus effectually checked. Teddington soon resumed his place as first favorite in the betting and, as everybody expected, won the Derby with ease.

Another mystery which has not been solved to this day is associated with Leander and that memorable Derby of 1844. It was more than suspected that Leander was a four-year-old, but there was not sufficient evidence on which to base an objection to his running. In the race his fetlock was broken by a kick from Running Rein, and he was effectually placed hors de combat. He was shot and buried, but when a party of sportsmen who wished to test their suspicions dug up his body at dead of night they found that the head, which alone could settle the matter, was gone.

Ratan, the second favorite for this race, was made safe by a cunningly devised bolus, but who administered this bolus as the most shady and fraudulent on record, Running Rein, who came in first, was found to be none other than Maccabeus, a four-year-old, and thus an impostor of the first water. But when it became necessary to produce the horse for an examination by experts it was found that he, like Leander's telltale head, had been spirited away.

In connection with Running Rein, by the way, a dramatic story is told. A Captain Osborne had backed Orlando for a very heavy sum, and when Running Rein came in first he was faced with the alternative of blowing out his brains or being declared a defaulter. He was just on the point of choosing death rather than dishonor when a note was placed in his hand. "Running Rein," ran the missive, which was from a friendly tout, "is an impostor, and he won't get the Derby stakes. Buy up all the bets on Orlando you can get, and you will make a fortune."

The captain put away his revolver, followed the tout's advice and, instead of providing work for the undertaker, found himself £18,000 in pocket. Few horses have ever started a better favorite for the Derby than Macgregor in 1870. So rosy were his chances that odds of 9 to 4 were laid on him to an enormous amount, and the money was considered as good as won. To the consternation, however, of his backers, he seemed unable to move freely in the race and finished a bad fourth behind horses who were not in the same century with him.

There was no doubt whatever that Macgregor had been drugged, but who the rascal was who did the dastardly trick is as much a mystery today as it was at the time.

It is of this race that the following remarkable story is told: During the night before the race a jockey called Swift saw the finish of the Derby in a dream. He saw Kingcraft, which he

recognized, pass the post a winner by a length and a half, followed by a dark brown horse which he could not identify and with Macgregor, the favorite, a bad fourth. In spite of the jeering of his friends, to whom he told the story, he backed Kingcraft for every sovereign he could raise, and, to his delight as to the disgust of the scoffers, he saw his dream exactly reproduced—the favorite badly beaten and the despised Kingcraft winning a small fortune for him.

Even more remarkable is a story of that great Derby race of 1862, won by the despised outsider Caractacus, ridden by Parsons, the stable lad. Although Caractacus was so badly thought of that Jim Goster point plunk refused to ride him and odds of 40 to 1 were freely offered against him, a tipster gave him as a certain winner on the strength of a dream in which his blind daughter had seen the horse win "with a little boy on his back as pale as death." How vividly accurate was this dream forecast was admitted by all who saw the finish of that sensational race.—London Tit-Bits.

**A HINDOO'S TOILET.**

**Curious Morning Scene in an East Indian Compound.**

All over the compound, from verandas and "go-downs," forms are seen rising from sleep, each one "wrapping the drapery of his couch about him," with no idea in doing so of conforming to any standards urged upon the attention of the race by Mr. Bryant, but for the simpler if less poetic reason that these draperies constitute his bedding by night and his nether garment by day. But do not make the mistake of thinking that because the requirements of the Hindoo's costume are scanty his toilet is therefore a perfunctory matter. Follow him to the well. The chances are that you will never drink water again, but you will obtain knowledge. On the brink of that great yawning hole in the ground known as the compound well, whose sides are of stone and whose steps lead you down to the water's edge, behold the "males" of the compound. Dressed in the draperies already referred to and in attitudes ranging all the way from the pose of the "Disk Thrower" to that of the most resolute squatter upon a western claim, they are lined up in a row from the top of the steps to the bottom. In the hand of each is a chatty, and one and all are engaged in the offices of the morning bath. And their tub is the well. The brimming chatties are passed up, and the empty ones down, legs are curried, feet are scoured, teeth are polished with charcoal and stick, throats are gargled, noses trumpeted, and, in short, the whole man receives such a washing and splashing, such a rubbing and scrubbing, such a molishing and polishing, as leaves nothing to be desired except in connection with the well. This latter consideration, however, is one that does not disturb the Hindoo, who, priding himself upon being externally the cleanest platter in the universe, devotes but little thought to the inside of the dish.

His ablutions and those of his colleagues concluded, he fills his chatty once more from the pure fountain below, lifts it high in the air, throws his head back and with unerring aim pours the crystal libation in one long, steady stream down his open throat, skillfully poised to receive and conduct it to his germ proof interior. This done, his draperies are resumed, and he departs to his work.

Suddenly, as out of a catapult, the sun leaps up from behind the eastern hills, and day is at hand.—Mary Anabel Chamberlain in Atlantic.

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eral millions. The man referred to, John M. Bixby, went to New York in 1830 from a backwoods district as a half starved lawyer. To pay \$4 a week for board and washing kept him on the verge of bankruptcy. He struggled on for a year or two and was constantly seeking odd jobs outside of the law to enable him to exist when a friendly lawyer in whose office he had desk room called him aside one day.

"Here is a chance for you, Bixby," said the lawyer. "I have an estate to settle and must get rid of the farm on the north side of the city. It is appraised at \$200. You can have it at that figure."

"I have not a dollar to my name," exclaimed Bixby.

"You can give me your note, and I will renew it until you get ready to pay it," replied the lawyer.

The young man hesitated for some time. He was very nervous about placing himself under obligation for so large a sum, but finally consented. Young Bixby had to ask for the renewal of his note two or three times had to deprive himself of the necessities of life to hold the farm until the opening of the Erie canal and the first lighting of the city by gas gave the metropolis a new birth and his farm was quickly swallowed in the growth. At the time of his death Bixby's property was worth \$7,000,000. Today its market value is more than \$13,000,000.—National Magazine.

**French Oyster Gatherers.**

The work of oyster collecting and culture is most unsuitable for women, but in France, owing to its tedious nature, it does not appeal to men. Often from an early hour in the morning till late into the evening the women are standing up to the knees in water, with a strong sun beating down on them. The result is that never a year passes without some of them going mad and having to be hurried away to the asylums. The work is well paid as, indeed, it ought to be, while in the case of the few who own beds the profits are large, and small fortunes are quickly amassed.

**Paid For.**

An Irishman entered a country inn and called for a glass of the best Irish whiskey. After being supplied he drank it and was about to walk out when the following conversation took place: Landlord—Here, sir; you haven't paid for that whiskey you ordered. Irishman—What's that you say? Landlord—I said you hadn't paid for that whiskey you ordered. Irishman—Did you pay for it? Landlord—Of course I did. Irishman—Well, then, what's the good of both of us paying for it?—London Tit-Bits.

**The Swiss Republic.**

The Swiss republic, with various changes, has survived from the year 1308, though its present constitution dates only from 1874. It now embraces three nationalities—German, French and Italian. The original nucleus of

the state, however, was German, and even now considerably more than half the population is German. Federated under the constitution of 1874 are twenty-two distinct states.

**He Preferred One Girl.**

When J. M. Barrie, the author of "Peter Pan," addressed an audience of a thousand girls at Smith college during his American visit of last year, a friend asked him how he had found the experience.

"Well," replied Mr. Barrie, "to tell you the truth, I'd much rather talk a thousand times to one girl than to talk one time to a thousand girls."

**Safety of the Stupid.**

"Bliggins says that he has no regrets for anything he ever said." "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, "this is a satisfaction enjoyed only by people who never say anything of the least importance."—Washington Star.

**Hustle in Life and Death.**

The American grows quickly, works quickly, eats quickly, makes up his mind quickly, gets rich quickly and dies quickly. He is even buried quickly.—Paris Revue.

Drive prejudices out by the door, they will re-enter by the window.—Frederick the Great.

**Uncorrupted.**

"I once spurned a bribe of \$100,000," said the orator, naturally evoking a round of applause. "Nay, friends, do not cheer," he continued. "It is the duty of all to be honest. Besides, the services demanded by the brazen scoundrel were worth double the money."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**At the Barber's.**

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