

## ARE ENJOYED BY ALL

### Equestrian Gymkhanas Entertain Participants and Onlookers.

Merry Frolics, Tests of Skill and Spice of Hairlifting, Happily Combine in Season's Contests.



ANY entertainment features have contributed to the pleasure of Village guests, but none have been more generally enjoyed than the equestrian gymkhana or riding contests, inaugurated last season; several hundred people assembling weekly upon the broad verandas of The Carolina to witness the merry-making.

Novelty after novelty was introduced through the bringing together of a score

from one side of the ring to the other, by aid of pointed sticks, the best time winning.

As a test of skill the lance and ring contest, in which participants pierced hanging rings while riding at a full gallop, maintained its popularity, and other features of this character, were introduced in head-cutting and tent-pegging.

The most amusing of the frolics was the pursuit race in which contestants were called upon to remove ribbon bows resting upon the right side of an opponent, while riding on the left side, and throwing apples through suspended hoops while riding past at a full gallop.

Among the events which made the breath of the onlookers come quick and fast, were the really harmless relay and scarf races. In the first a mail pouch was transferred a given distance, in relay fashion, by competing teams, the best time winning. Riders received the pouch standing, mounted, rode to the next rider, dismounted, and in this way the bag was passed on down the line to the end and

tributed by interested guests.

Young men and young women alike, participated in the tournaments, and even the children became so much interested that special contests were arranged for them. The judges were made up of older guests who hardly felt equal to enter the spirit of the frolics, but who were nevertheless, keenly interested in them.

A delightful feature in connection with the gymkhanas, is the provision of music by The Carolina orchestra, and the serving of afternoon tea in the hotel foyer, following the contests.

Horse show numbers are used upon the participants, vari-colored ribbons give a dash of color, and the rapid movements of horses and riders, seen amid the quick-rising dust, make a strangely fascinating picture.

Through mingling at the contests many pleasant acquaintances are formed and long rides and merry picnic parties follow as a natural consequence, the whole combining to solidify interest in a sport which has always been a favorite one

be maintained, in fact, Mr. Mundy promises to provide a stable unequalled in the south. He is buying the best of saddle and driving horses and the equipment and service throughout will be of the best.

Riding Master Thomas Mack plans to return.

### TENNIS POPULAR.

#### Season's Tournament Program an Attractive One.

Tennis continues to maintain its hold here, claiming an increasing number of devotees each year, and attracting many interested onlookers. There are three superb courts which are overlooked by the balcony of the Country Club house, and also courts at The Carolina and Holly Inn.

Plans for informal tournaments which are always a feature of the season, are already under way and in addition the Management has offered very handsome Gorham trophies for a series of stated



ASSEMBLING FOR AN EQUESTRIAN GYMKHANA.

of clever people all interested in a common purpose, until it was clearly shown that there was practically no limit to the number of interesting things which might be done (or at least, attempted) by horse and rider.

Harmless frolics there were in plenty, ludicrous and laugh-provoking features in abundance, tests which called for quickness of eye, brain, and muscle, and skill in horsemanship, and just enough events with a spice of the hair-lifting in them, combined to hold the interest of all, participants and onlookers dividing the pleasure.

Among the most popular of the ludicrous features was the walk and canter race in which contestants raced against time, in pairs; one riding twice around the ring while the other walked once, the order being reversed on the second round. Another event which remained popular with all from the first, was the potato race in which potatoes were transferred

back to the starting point. In the scarf race the participants rode in pairs a given distance, holding between them, with one hand, a slender scarf, turned and rode back to the starting point, and at a gait which made the dust fly.

The result was an expressed desire on the part of all, for a more extended program this season. Those interested have been actively engaged in preparation during the summer and a wealth of new and unique features have been planned as the result.

The Management is keenly interested in the contests and a series of appropriate trophies will be provided in the shape of bronze pins or medal bars, suitably inscribed, and bearing ribbons of blue, red and yellow, to signify first, second and third place in the various events.

A pleasing feature last season which will, without question, be repeated this year, upon a more general scale, was special invitation events for prizes con-

here.

Among prominent participants and prize-winners in last season's tournaments were: Mrs. A. W. Mellon, Miss Huselton, Miss Marie Hemphill, Pittsburg; Mrs. Alex. MacGregor, Mrs. Leonard Tufts, Boston; Mrs. C. E. Shoemaker, Miss Helen B. Johnson, Miss Emily H. Allen, New York; Mrs. W. E. Scott, Portland; Miss B. B. Barrows, Haverhill; and Messrs. A. E. Gould, Brookline; A. Windsor Weld, Boston; Charles E. Kaltenbach, Brooklyn; Arthur M. Allen, Newton; Everett B. Lockwood, New York; Dr. F. J. Warrick, Richmond; and many others.

#### The Livery Stable.

The Livery Stable will this season be under the management of W. H. Mundy of Roanoke, Va., a stableman of wide experience, who succeeds Manager Horton. The same high standard of the past will

events which begin February 15th and end March 28, 29 and 30, with a Club Championship event, in which gold medals are offered to the winners in men's and women's singles, and mixed doubles events.

The stated events are as follows:

Thursday, February 15—Men's singles for The Holly Inn cup.

Thursday, February 22—Mixed doubles for the St. Valentine's silver medals.

Thursday, March 8—Women's singles for The Carolina cup.

Thursday, March 15—Mixed doubles for the St. Patrick's-day cup.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, March 28, 29, 30—Championship tourney; gold medals for men's singles, women's singles, and mixed doubles.

#### The Village Market.

The Village Market will be in charge of Francis Batchelder & Company, Boston, this season; an announcement which will be received with general satisfaction throughout the Village.