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### NEW YEAR RACES

We don't wonder why golfers in the vicinity of the Pinehurst Jockey Club on New Year's Day gazed in amazement as troubled roars came screaming over the countryside from the multitude gathered to enjoy the Sport of Kings.

On this sunny afternoon with the temperature hovering around the seventy-five mark and a sea of brilliant colors lining the grandstand and track Mr. Fred B. Shreve announced as one of the specialties a potato contest, to be judged by Mr. Charles Picquet. Nancy Cope, a Philadelphia Miss of not many years, won the fancy and plaudits of the critics of this historic event by her untiring efforts to carry off the prize. Surrounded by numerous associates and adventurers Mr. Picquet made known his decision to the gallery. It was his opinion that Miss Nancy Cope and Mr. C. J. Frost tied for first place, and it was at this stage of the game that public opinion came into evidence in the most Bolshevik style. To appease the tumult Mr. Shreve announced that the event would be contested again at the next meeting of the Jockey Club and thus ended the great potato race. Annie Oakley, Miss F. S. Peters, Mr. A. R. Daniels and Mr. Pope Yeatman were the other contestants in this event.

It was a battle royal between two kings with the championship of the Pinehurst turf at stake. Carrying one hundred and forty-two pounds Algardi with Archibald up scored a close victory over Melos with Miles up in the Steeplechase. Taking the lead at the second jump and holding it every foot of the way the Red and White colors of the Taylor stables came home triumphantly, the victor of one of the most stubborn hurdle contests held this season. Clinging to the winner step by step, up and over the bar in perfect rhythm went Melos, but the challenge at the head of the stretch found him wanting and Algardi crossed the line a length to the fore.

His Nibbs owned by Trotter started the New Year very well. Not only did he start well, but it is the candid opinion of his victims that he also ended well. With Archibald up, this son of Perezuzza entered the five and one-half furlong event to warm up for the one mile flat race. Wright, riding Molly O., an old Pinehurst favorite, took the rail position on the jump with the thundering heels of the Trotter entry close behind. In the rear came Joe Miller, Grace Mary O'Brien's steady little runner with Miles up and Lydonia ridden by Lassies. Well on the back stretch they rode in this order when His Nibbs must have thought of home and oats for he astonished the gallery by making a spurt that brought him over the tape fully three lengths to the good, despite a strong finish by the Nibb's entry.

Four horses had been named for the one mile event and three of these went to the post, Puck being scratched. After his little frolic in the five one-half furlong race the redoubtable His Nibbs came forth again to battle and establish a new record by winning two races on the same afternoon. He did not leave his backers in doubt very long, for the long legged chestnut gelding showed a liking for the heavy track and had little difficulty in winning. Waseon, owned by Mr. H. B. Swoope, with Miles up, was in the race for awhile, but ceased to be a contender after the half mile mark had been passed.

The six furlong flat race was held up by Russian Pinion, owned by Nibb's, who of late has been almost unmanageable, especially at the post. After he had been tugged around for about ten minutes he was finally lined up and sent on his way. Mildred Euretta with Wright up got a good start and after a few strides was out in front. Lassies, riding Uncle Sam, owned by Hayden Preston, started to use the lash on the first turn and the beginning of the back stretch found both horses going helter-skelter neck and neck. Uncle Sam revelled in the heavy going and began to draw away from his company. Turning into the home stretch he made a further gain and crossed the line an easy winner. Mildred Euretta, who was considered the favorite, ran a poor race, but won second position easily, while Russian Pinion was third.

The two harness events were badly run. Prince Pepper, Mr. Hyde's black gelding broke several times in both heats of the Class B. race, Joe Hamilton winning with ease.

The first heat of the Class A. race went to Little Bondsman, but the second was captured by Dolly Grey driven by Sheppard after some very pretty driving.

The other specialty of the afternoon, a doughnut contest, was won by Mr. C. J. Frost.

### WHERE PAT WAS

In a small village in Ireland the mother of a soldier met the village priest, who asked her if she had had bad news. "Sure, I have," said she, "Pat has been killed."

"Oh I am very sorry," said the priest. "Did you receive word from the War Office?"

"No," she said. "I received word from himself."

The priest looked perplexed, and said: "But how is that?"

"Sure," she said, "here is the letter; read it for yourself."

The letter said: "Dear Mother: I am now in the Holy Land."—*The Argonaut*.

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