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## Unmasked Refused to Run Unmasked Story of One of Joe Yeager's Coups

Any one who does not think the wearing of blinkers makes a difference in the disposition and running of a racehorse should have been at Grandstand on June 8, 1914. If ever the blinker question was thrashed out it was upon that day. The race in question caused much excitement for the public had been "thoroughbred" as it were, rather than the "steeplechase" of some of the jockey club officials or the presumption of the starter. There always was a mystery about the race and upon whom to lay the blame for the trouble. Unmasked was a horse which had been educated to wear blinkers while racing. He needed them so badly that it was an act of saying among the stable help that he would not walk around his stall in the morning without the blinkers, or even in the stable. He was a horse with an extremely bad temper when in the hands of the starter—one of those excitable creatures which knew when he was to race just as well as a trained animal. He was a fair offering, and in the quiet, docile and sleepy animal in his stall when not wearing blinkers, he would become a raving, high-strung racehorse when being led from the paddock to the starting post, and while awaiting for a start was a difficult horse to manage. He was a variable Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

On this day Unmasked was in a three-quarters of a mile race in a field of 12, and such a one-sided contest that it looked that the bookmakers offered only even money against his chances of victory. It was a fair offering, and in the quiet, docile and sleepy animal in his stall when not wearing blinkers, he would become a raving, high-strung racehorse when being led from the paddock to the starting post, and while awaiting for a start was a difficult horse to manage. He was a variable Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Naturally, the public and expert form students had long decided that Unmasked was a sure winner, barring accidents, and had invented their money accordingly. The betting had gone on for about 20 minutes, or nearly the post time, when there was a rumor going the rounds of the paddock that Unmasked would not be permitted to wear blinkers. No one seemed positive who had issued the rumor, or where they had originated. Some asserted that the starter, Fitzgerald, had declared himself to the effect that he would not start the horse unless the blinkers were removed, as his actions at the post were not only dangerous to the horses, but might delay the start. As Fitzgerald was giving to the blinkers, and the rumor was in no way that the blinkers would have to come off Unmasked or not, did not recognize betting and to search for a public favorite at root time was out of the question. Anyhow, Fitzgerald's persuasive powers dominated, and Unmasked was sent to the post minus blinkers. There was not a horseman at the track but knew the horse would not run, and soon there was a rush to the him. Some of the bookmakers acceded to the wishes of their friends, but the ed had to stand by and accept the inevitable.

The rumor traveled so quickly that the "market" was in a turmoil in short order. With the blinkers off Unmasked in a different complexion on the race and the result a trifle more uncertain—of one showed little plunger named "Joe" Yeager, who had a filly in the race named Mimosa. Mimosa was second favorite for the race at 5 to 1, and Yeager had already gone the rounds of the ring telling

public been informed of the change thru an official source, and early enough not to affect the betting, there could have been no complaint, but to order blinkers off Unmasked at the last moment and without warning was suicidal. A like occurrence has not since been recorded, nor is one probable, for the supreme court of officials had much to say to the acting officials for their unwarranted action.

### BOSTON REMAINS "WET."

Boston, Dec. 20.—Boston voted to continue the licensed sale of liquor after the liveliest campaign on the liquor question that the city has had in years. The vote in favor of license was 53,459, with 29,907 against. Last year the vote for license was 44,115 and 31,877 against.

Of the four other cities in Massachusetts voting on the liquor license question yesterday, the two which were last year wet shifted to the dry column, adding two more to the state's increasing number. This makes a total of six new cities gained by the dry. These two are Pittsburg and North Adams, by majorities of 54 and 98 respectively. The other two cities were Peabody and Quincy, both remaining dry by increased majorities.

### PRICE OF WHEAT FIXED.

London, Dec. 20.—The Times says that a rate of 20 per cent. was paid yesterday in the London market for insurance, providing for payment of a claim, should peace be declared by June 20 next. This is equivalent to odds of 4 to 1 against.

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