

World of Sport

Playing the Ponies Still Popular Game

MANY WOMEN STEADILY FOLLOW THE FORTUNES OF THE BANG TAILS.

"Are they in yet?"
"Sorry, but I'm afraid they must have missed the first train. Should be in on the 10.25, though," was the reply.
She looked worried and went out.
"Whose the swell dame?" asked the time killer, who was hanging round, "and what did she want? You both seemed to know what she was talking about, but it was a riddle to me."

"Don't know as I should tell you," replied the proprietor. "She might not like it."
The door opened—another lady—the same question and same reply. This happened three times in five minutes. The time killer got very curious.
"What's the game?" he asked.
"Might as well spill it; I'm getting interested. I like the look of your customers and I'm goin' to stick round. If you don't want me to develop into a private detective and spoil your business with these nifty skirts, divulge, old boy! divulge!"

The Reason.
"You couldn't spill my stand in with this bunch," laughingly replied the proprietor, "but, after what you have seen and are likely to see in the next half hour, I might as well be generous and whisper the reason of my numerous lady clients."
The time killer's eyes grew larger and larger as the story progressed. The calls of many and sundry well, shabbily and flashily dressed women during the telling of it added much to the reality of the tale, which, under other circumstances, might have been taken with the proverbial grain of salt.

"They're after racing forms. This morning the forms didn't come on the regular train, that's why they are disappointed. Hang around till they do come in, or come in tomorrow if you can't see how the women gloat over that sheet."

Game Girls.
"The women don't use it themselves," queried the time killer in astonishment.
"They do, and they are real sports," believe me. Notice that woman who went out a minute ago? She's a real game one. Knows the horses, owners, jockeys, all about 'em, can talk like a professional. The form is as vital to her as her meals."

Long Shots.
"It's great to make a study of these women. They are wonderful gamblers; like the rest of the sex they want to get something for nothing, and invariably play the long shots. If they win, next day they come in bubbling over; if they lose—well, there is nothing more depressing than a woman who plays a losing game. I can tell the moment the door opens what the pre-

vious day's luck was. Two or three days' luck usually produces something new—a hat, a piece of fur, a ring, a pin, new waist—always some personal adornment. A few days' placing their money on the wrong horse, and the swell jewelry disappears. That means they are patronizing the stores where the sign of the three balls is prominently displayed."

Every Class.
"What class do these women who play the ponies belong to?" asked the wonderful recipient of this amazing information.
"To every class that has a woman in it," came back the answer, "high, low, middle, cultured, uncouth, we have some of the swellest and some of the wildest in our clientele. They are all alike in one respect—they like the ponies. The amounts they place depend upon their purses, but they all get a lot of sport out of it—far more than the men."

How It's Done.
The proprietor was asked if he took the bets.
"Not on your life," he replied, "but I know from what the ladies tell me what they do and how they do it. Some of them do their own placing, others give their money and instructions to their men friends and believe me, the men don't get a chance to pull any game on them. They watch the sport pages of the papers and know just how the selections performed."

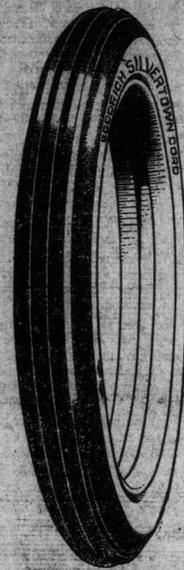
"Some of the women pick their starters by the name—a fancy name often attracts them—others are a bit superstitious and pick them in lots of novel and fool ways. Most of them select on past performances, and by the jockey. A few depend entirely upon tips."

Horse Sense.
"The real horseman has a great fund of knowledge. She knows all about the breeding, owners and tracks, can tell all the virtues of the various tracks, how the bangtails will perform on a mud track, and how on a fast one. These women frequently have such a preference for certain stables that they affect their silks in dressing—real fans. They visit the tracks as often as possible, too, and are eagerly looking to the day when racing will be restored in Canada."

"Just what Hon. Mr. Raney, the new attorney general in the U.F.O. cabinet, will do for racing is a topic frequently discussed by the ladies. After his finding of last summer, they figure he doesn't know much about horses or the pleasures of the track. On the other hand, they look to the Farmer government to do all possible to improve horseflesh and that surely means the restoration of the thoroughbred and the tracks, for one is dependant upon the other.
"It's great to hear them dope it out, and they have some ideas that are all right, too—but come in tomorrow, a bit earlier, and watch them. It's interesting!"

They're Off!
The time killer in relating the story remarked that it did him good to see the game way the ladies placed their bets, and the game way they took their losses, if they picked an also ran. "It is surely woman's age," he added, with a smile, "let her go to it."

Are Your Tires in Good Condition



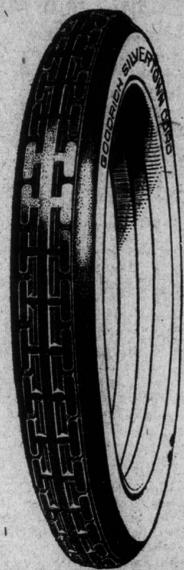
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SOMETHING ABOUT MILK

Mysteries and Marvels in Its Production and Life.

How Milk is Secured—Thunder Does Not Sour Milk, But Bacteria Does the Business—Agalactia, or Absence of Milk, Occurs More Frequently With Cows Than In the Females of Other Live Stock.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

A CONDITION known as "agalactia," or absence of milk in the mammae at the time of parturition, probably occurs more frequently in cows than in females of other classes of stock. It may occur in a female in any condition as regards general health, general care and surroundings. The causes, or conditions to which it is due, are not well understood. It occurs even though pregnancy has been apparently normal and has reached full term. It is probably more frequently seen in females which have not bred for a long time, or in those which have produced their first young, though themselves aged. While it may occur in an animal under any conditions, there are conditions that appear to predispose an animal to the trouble. In such cases there appears to be a want of development in the lacteal apparatus, which may have been caused by previous or present chronic disease of the udder, a chronic lessening in bulk, called "atrophy" of the udder, exhaustion following disease, severe labor, insufficient food, either during or immediately after pregnancy, natural debility, emaciation, etc.

The mammae is usually small and soft, and attempts to milk produce only a few drops of a yellowish fluid, in some cases followed by a few drops of a whitish, watery fluid. Treatment is frequently unsuccessful. It consists in feeding liberally on easily digested milk-producing food, massaging the udder frequently and stripping the teats three or four times daily. Great attention should be paid to the digestive organs in order to keep them as normal as possible, and the patient should be kept so that she will take considerable exercise. The writer's experience has been that the administration of drugs is non-effective.

In many cases the gland becomes perfectly inactive, and remains so until, after the next parturition, when, in most cases, it becomes normal.—J. H. R., O. A. College, Guelph.

Antonio Moreno's new serial, "The Invisible Hand," will be released by Vitaphone this month. It is an entirely different sort of episode play, with a Secret Service theme. Pauline Curley is Moreno's leading woman.

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27 MEMBERS OF I.W.O. GET PRISON SENTENCES

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—Federal Judge John C. Pollock late yesterday passed sentence on 27 members of the Industrial Workers of the World, found guilty by a jury in the federal district court of Kansas City, Kan., of conspiracy against the government. The sentences ranged from 3 1/2 to 9 1/2 years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

NEARLY MAXIMUM COAL PRODUCTION ACCORDING TO CHICAGO OPERATORS

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Coal production is nearing the peak, operators said here.

Miners are swinging their picks with a will, they said, indicating a desire to live up to their agreement with Kansas, Indiana, and Illinois mines were back almost to normal production.

GOMPERS ASKS RAILROADS BE RETAINED TWO YEARS LONGER BY GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A plea that the Cummins railroad bill now before the Senate be withdrawn and that the government control be continued for at least two years was made yesterday by Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, representatives of several farmers' organizations who appeared before the Senate interstate commerce commission.

The delegation of 25 will call at the White House later today in an effort to induce President Wilson to retain the roads two years longer, it was announced.

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There are a great many men who need treatment for their nervous system. These men do not know what is the reason they don't feel right—why they can't work like they used to—why they tire so easily and why they are irritable, nervous, despondent, weak, pale and lack ambition. These conditions require the expert knowledge and treatment of a specialist who has had many years' experience in just such ailments. A specialist learns by experience to know just the right treatment at the right time so that the patient can be dismissed at the earliest possible time. Men affected with nervous exhaustion have no endurance—no ambition—everything they attempt is an effort. Life to them appears as a long, gloomy future. Their appetite is poor and variable—they become irritable, cross and discouraged. They have pains and aches in various parts of the body and there is often indigestion and pains in the stomach. Sleepless, wakeful and restless nights follow.

RHEUMATIC AILMENTS

SCIATICA AND OTHER FORMS OF RHEUMATISM, LUMBAGO, PAINS IN BACK, SWELLING, ACHING, PAINFUL CONDITIONS IN ANY PART OF THE BODY—INFLAMED AND SWOLLEN JOINTS OF LEGS AND ARMS—MANY OTHER SYMPTOMS.

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