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—to suggest that in the States it is purely commercial, and not for the love of sport. I doubt if many men in the world today—other than Americans—can indulge in breeding race horses, purely for altruistic motives and the love of the sport. Admitted, sport may be the motivating factor but all try to make their hobby pay its way.

The die-hards imply that there is no chicanery on English tracks while the American ones are full of it—as though the Englishman is less averse to making a slightly twisted pound shall we say than the American a crooked dollar. In any line of endeavor one will find the crook, be he English, American, French or what have you. Do these hard-to-convince ones know that in the English Derby of 1884, there occurred one of the biggest swindles of all time. Running Rein the winner was a four-year-old and therefore ineligible. The race was award-

ed to Orlando, which placed second. There are other cases on record when swindles have been attempted. The authorities of the American Turf recognizing the frailties of human nature have taken every precaution to keep the Turf clean—saliva tests, motion picture cameras, track patrol judges, The Thoroughbred Protective Association, fingerprinting, lip-tattooing, and so forth—to such an extent that nowhere in the world is the sport conducted with as much protection to the racing public.

The papers of recent weeks have brought to light the big operations of bookmakers operating with the aid of the huge wire service. To condemn racing as a result of this is definitely out of line because the racing authorities have for years tried to have the wire service stopped and of course betting. Racing is only a medium for these crooks. Why single out the turf when