# **BIG HORSE RACE**

#### How Tommy Foster Made a Clean-Up.

His Backers at Benning's Landed at Two Hundred to

WABHINGTON, D. C., April 18 .- The Chicago Inter-Ocean correspondent says that the horsemen here are still talking of the big killing that was made by Tommy Foster at Bennings recently. The average price against him at post time to 1, but there was plenty of 100 to 1 on tap 10 minutes before the

Rarely have so many incidents clustered about a notable killing. A large er of men and women won heavily colt's victory, and yet the great ajority of them made their Tommy oster investments on pure hunch. The colt's part profited very largely, of course, but their secret was well kept, very few outsiders had any line on the actual condition of the horse.

Most of the women in the stand who handsomely on the event played my Foster solely on account of the olt's dashing and handsome appearance, h he got from his sire, the famous old Fonso, who for many years took the time ribbon as the handsomest thoroughed stallion in Kentucky. It is a trait of feminine race visitors to bet on the mal with the handsome looks.

A young Baltimore woman, the leading rano in the choir of a Monumental City church, attended the Bennings races that day with her somewhat worldly oe. When Tommy Foster headed the procession to the post in the first race with his burnished chestnut coat gleamng in the mellow spring sunshine, she deliberately opened her purse and handed a \$10 bill to her escort. "That's all the money I have with me,"

she said to him, "and I suppose I'll lose it anyhow, but I would not feel right if as that. Please play Tommy Foster for

"He hasn't any chance," good-naturedly replied the young man, "but I'm glad to see you've got a little sporting blood. If Tommy doesn't win I'll make good to you," and he bustled down into the ring and placed the \$10 on Tommy Foster at 150 to 1 to win.

She was a very pale and speechless oprano when Tommy Foster's number hoisted as the winner and for quite five minutes she sat perfectly still and est rigid, gazing at the far-away hills. The return of her escort from the betting ring aroused her from the trance. He counted into her lap 15 \$100 bills and a \$10 bill. Then she dabbed at her eyes with a handkerchief. "It's wicked; I know it's wicked, and

shall never bet again as long as I live," she almost sobbed, as, with feminine inconsistency she stuffed the neat stuck of bills into her purse. Must Have Been Hysterical.

Her actions must have been purely hysterical, however, for when the third race came around she had recovered herself and sent a \$100 bill into the ring down the event. She bet on three of the remaining races and won two.

Four very black and gorgeously attired colored women in the stand were ized with the Tommy Foster hunch as the field paraded to the barrier, and they de up a \$5 pool of \$1.25 each and ut the money on the colt straight at 100 to 1 in the book of a grand stand oner. Their rootings as Tommy Foster turned into the stretch well in advance of his field were entertain-

"Livin easy," one of them rapturous-"Brin dem po'k chops home," screamed another, leaning far over the grand

'Ah'm uh shuah-'nough gam-buh-luh, mang another of the black women ecstatically in syncopated coon-song time as Tommy Foster easily drew away from his field half way down the stretch. "Heah me whispuh," shrieked the ster easily drew away from

rth when Tommy Foster crossed the

stand rail.

line a length or so to the good. It was worth the price of admission to witness the ecstasy of the quartet when the grand stand commissioner inted \$126.25 into the hand of each of them. They declared all bets off for the day and directly they had reocived their winnings chartered an automobile and were hauled into Washington royally.

A hunchback who strolls around the mings betting ring during the meeting here profiting by giving the superstitious horse players the chance to touch his hump before getting their bets down de a big thing out of the Tommy Foster killing. Customarily the betters who touch the hump of a hunchback in race track betting ring offer him a bit of money for the privilege, but this particular hunchback started in to work a different system at this meeting.

What are you going to play?" he asks the bettors who gently place a Inger or two on his deformity.

The bettor laughingly names his horse.

"Can you go a dollar on that one for me?" the hunchback inquires then. The men who are up on such superstitions of the track are liberal and they always laughingly agree to the hunchback's proposition in lieu of giving him a bit of change.

On the Tommy Foster day no fewer than seven long-shot players on the point of making investments on the Fonso colt touched the hunchback's hump, in addition to the large number of other fellows who were about to put their money down on other horses in the race. Thus the hunchback had all of the horses in the race running for him-an unimschable system when no money has to be invested.

The seven hump-touchers who played Tommy Foster all kept their word with the hunchback and some of them got as good as 200 to 1 for the dollar that they put down for him. The hunchback cleaned up \$1,100 on the race, and he is convinced that his present system is

unbestable. The most diverting sharer in the killing was a hobo who rede up from Georgia in the same car with the horse. The tramp wanted to come North on his annal pilgrimage and he climbed onto the beam of the horse car as the most likely transporting vehicle. The hands accompanying Tommy him to the car.

He made himself handy to them in ter took pity on him and admitted

WHOLE WORLD WATCHING SITUATION IN BALKANS



The situation in Macedenia continues to cause rumblings of coming conflict of the most serious character to agitate the European capitals. Daily cable dispatches hint at alliances secretly forming between the big powers. Russia and Austria, in accord, are reported ready to intervene and occupy Mitrovitza unless Turkey can at once put down the formidable Albanian revolt. England, France and Italy are rumored to be consummating an al-Meanwhile Bulgaria continues to be the scene of bloody strife between the Sultan's troops and the insurgents

he was a taciturn individual, they dropped a hint or so as to what was in prospect for Tommy Foster, telling him to keep his head closed about the matter. The tramp borrowed a sickle at Bennings when the car arrived there with the horse, and entering Washington picked up many grass-cutting jobs.

Got 200-to-1 Bet.

of three days and on the day of the killing he was on the track, a queeron the chances of the horse. He got 200 to 1 for his \$3, and when he collected his winnings he marched straight out of the gate, chartered a coupe and rode into Washington, the most complete picture of Wandering Willie happiness that was ever observed in this locality.

The name Thomas Foster was behind Beach stopped off for the Bennings races. He placed \$20 straight on Tommy Foster at 200 to 1.

"The reason I made the bet," he said. as he tucked his \$4,000 roll away, "was that a few years ago I employed a cut-He was so blamed hit up a dirt road. speedy that I couldn't get more than three days' work a week out of him, and I finally had to fire him, although was a great workman. So I argued that there couldn't be any kind of proposition, two or four-legged, with a swifter gait than Tommy Foster, my fired cutter, and I played the colt purely on that hunch.'

#### Base Ingratitude.

The prison authorities of Torbel, Switzerland, are grieved at the ingratitude of three murderers who recently strolled away from the pleasant quarters provided for them, and have not yet returned. It is said to be the first time on record a prisoner ever voluntarily ft the Trobel lockup.

It is the aim of those in charge of that charming resort to make the jall such an attractive place prisoners will be contented with their lot and not strive to escape. There are few guards-only one to every 25 prisopers-and they never think of offending their guests by carrying arms. They keep themselves out of sight as much as possible, so as to not hurt the tender feeling of the in-

The cells are left open, so the pris ners can communicate freely with each other, and newspapers, writing materials and magazines are provided for their amusement. Cider and various dainties from the kitchen are furnished.

Naturally such an earthly paradise is most popular, and inmates leave it with Therefore, the authorities were regret. shocked when the three murderers went away without even saying good-by.

# The Swan Bong of March.

I am dying, April, dying; Ebbs the frozen lifetide fast, And the Hyperborean shadows Scatter in the evening blast. Let thy spirit, April, cheer me, Let the shadows of thy tears Fall in tenderness upon me, Wash away all frosty fears.

I am dying, April, dying:
Hark, the coming bluebirds cry;
They are warbling in the meadows,
I can hear them as they fly.
Ah. no more shall I, this season,
Feel my winds exulting swell; They are warmed by springtime zephyrs By thee, April; March, farewell. Win, J. Lampton in N. Y. Herald.

#### Buddhist Soldier.

Yale University numbers among the students taking the post-graduate course a Buddhist priest named Ichino Shibata. He is a soldier and fought with great

## FACTS ABOUT THE FAMOUS MASON AND DIXON'S LINE

### He made a little more than \$5 inside the little more than \$5 inside three days and on the day of the Why Boundary Was Established and How It greater difficulty. In Washington County, Md., not far from Hagerstown, a Figured in the History of the United States.

York tailor on his way home from Palm Mason and Dixon's line. Commencement orations and political speeches are full of stilted paragraphs alluding to the famous lines as the division between States. It is frequently pictured as the the mountains. ter named Thomas Foster, who was boundary between the slave and anti-about the fastest proposition that ever slave states. Yet comparatively few people know the exact location and history of the line.

Last week the Washington Times rethe famous boundary surveyed by stones were piled. Mason and Dixon:

"Is Mason and Dixon's line north or south of Washington? How far is it from the city, and how is it marked?

Mason and Divon's line is north of Washington. It was originally surveyed in 1763 and is the division line between the states of Maryland and Pennsylvanla and Delaware and Pennsylvania. As originally surveyed the line extended 244 miles west from the Delaware River. Delaware, which is south of the line, was never a slave state. So it is erroneous to refer to the historia boundary as the division between free and slave states. It is frequently confounded with 36 degrees 30 minutes, the line, created by the Missouri compromise,

#### Purpose of the Boundary.

The line was originally run to mark division between the estates of Cecil Calvert, second Lord Baltimore, and lord proprietor of Maryland, and William Penn, lord proprietor of Pennsylvania. The Calverts and Penns had had a long and bitter dispute concerning the boundaries of their respective The division line had estates. been definitely established, and it was shifted back and forth by agreement In that year Thomas and Richard Penn and Lord Baltimore went to London, and while there engaged Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, two of the best-known mathematicians and surveyers of that day, to run a line between the two great estates in the new world.

Mason and Dixon arrived in this country in November of 1763. They immediately determined the latitude and longitude of Philadelphia, and estab-lished the circular boundary of Dela- W ware by running the arc of a circle, with a radius of 12 miles, having its center in Newcastle, Del. From the Delaware River they then surveyed a line in a westerly direction for 244 miles. at Duncard's Creek they were threat-ened by the Indians, and were compelled to abandon their work. In 1774 the line was completed by other surveyors to the

west border of Pennsylvania. Milestones Brought From England. Stoner were brought from England to mark the line. It was the original plan distinction and great bravery in the to locate a stone every mile bearing on par Hancock, Md., which was established by an eccentric Marylander who ceived at the close of the war a bronze having the letter "P" on the Pennsylmedal, presented by the Mikado himself. | vania side. Every five miles a more pre- | to persons of all faiths and was never

No discussion of slavery in the United | tentious stone was to be placed, upon lot of winnings on the colt. A New States is complete without reference to the Maryland face of which was to be the coat of arms of Lord Baltimore, while the Penn coat of arms was to be on the Pennsylvania side. This plan was abandoned, however, as the country was so wild in Western Maryland that it was the Confederate States and the United impossible to transport the stones over

> Crownstones and milestones were placed on the line until the surveyors reached Sideling Hill. From there on to the Alleghenies piles of stones eight feet high were heaped up to mark the miles, and from the Alleghenies on to Dunceived the following query concerning | card's Creek posts were set, about which

#### Differ From Native Stone.

The milestones and crownstones were all about 12 mehes square and varied in length from three to five feet. The stones are colite, a sort of a lime sandstone, and are supposed to have been quarried near Portsmouth, England, They are almost white in color and are so different from any stone found in Maryland and Pennsylvania that it has been possible to locate them when they have been carried far from the division line of the two states.

After the completion of the survey of the Pennsylvania boundary in 1774, no attention was paid to the markings until 1845. In the meantime vandals had destroyed many of the stones. The stone marking the point where Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania touch each othnorth of which slavery was not to exist er was washed away, and it was found in the territories. legislatures of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware appointed a joint commission to review the work of Mason and Dixon under the direction of Lieut, Col. James D. Graham. The work of this commission showed that the English surveyors' work had been well done, and only a few minor changes were made in the line

Mutilated by Vandals. Vandais again demolished the milestones and along in the cighties a movement was started to have the famous line re-marked. The Legislature of Maryland appropriated \$5,000 for the remarking of its northern boundary, and Pennsylvania set aside \$5,000 to assist in re-establishing its southern boundary. Maryland named Prof. William Bullock, State Geologist, as its member of a commission to look after the remarking of the line, and Pennsylvania selected Gen. J. W. Letta as its mem-

W. C. Hodgkins was deputized by the Coast and Geodetic Survey to take charge of the work, which was begun in 1900, and is now almost completed.

Found in Queer Places. Mr. Hodgkins and his assistants have had many strange experiences in their re-establishment of the line and recovered a number of missing milestones and crownstones under unusual circumstances. Two of the treasured crownstones were found serving as doorsteps in the Mutual Rights Church, a queer old house of worship on Licking Creek,

Abraham Ditto is now the chief officer in the church. When Mr. Hodgkins and his assistants made it known to Mr. Ditto that two of the stones which they were in search of were in his church, the old gentleman consented to their removal and the surveyors replaced them with Maryland stone.

crownstone was missing. Inquiry proved that the stone disappeared in 1876. Finally a farmhand was found who said that he had assisted in boxing it up and shipping it to Baltimore. He said that the stone had been admired by a Baltimorean who was thinking of buying coal land in the neighborhood. A farmer who was anxious to sell his land stole the stone and shipped it to the Baltimorean. Mr. Hodgkins and his assistants traced the stone to a certain house in Baltimore, where they found it hidden in the cellar. The stone was given to the Pennsylvania Historical Society, which had a duplicate carved to be placed on the Mason and Dixon

Built Into Walls of Houses. Near Big Pool, Md., Mr. Hodgkins

and his assistants have located six of the original milestones in the walls of The house of Joseph Siebert houses. near Hagerstown, contains three of the stones. A house belonging to Mrs. Prather, and located near Big Pool Station. Md., contains several of the stones A flight of steps entirely made up of milestones was found at this house and removed by the men who are reestablishing the line. Mrs. Prather was also willing to allow the surveyors to have the stones from the wall of her house until she learned that heighbors had refused to make a similar conces-Lawyers Advised Against Surrender.

Attorneys advised owners of property against allowing the surveyors to recover the stones, and set up the claim that the statute of limitations worked against any replevin suit after the property owners for three years.

These stones in the houses near Big Pool are supposed to be stones which were not set up on the line because it was impossible to transport them across the mountains. It is thought that about 50 stones were brought up the Potomac on flat boats and abandoned Washington County on account of the lack of transportation facilities. Made Grit for Chickens.

At Clear Spring, Md., a milestone was found set up in front of a business house. The stone had been broken re cently, and one of the surveyors quesfoned the merchant about it. the man admitted that he found that it pulverized readily and took the surveyor to his home, where part of the stone

was furnishing grit for a yard full of

The marks along the line were found well preserved in thinly populated places, but where they were near towns they had suffered at the hands of van-One of the stones located near Mount St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg. Md., has been chipped by souvenir hunters until Snly a small portion of it now stands above ground. At High-field, Md., near Penmar, a wire cage has been erected over a crownstone to

protect the carving from vandals. One of the most celebrated stones along the line is the "secession stone." This is a milestone which formerly bore the letters "M" and "P." It is lo cated between Fawn Grove and Delta. Pa. On the night that South Carolina seceded from the Union the Maryland ide of the stone, bearing the letter "M" fell away. The local tradition is that the Pennsylvania half of the post could no longer endure association with the letter "M," because Maryland was the home of many prominent Confeder-

Washington Has a Surgical Freak of Note.

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, April 18 .- In this period of deep scientific research, a discovery, invention or innovation must be truly wonderful to create a sensation. The world has become accustomed to revelations. It has grown blase to the ordinary product of science. The creation of today must be above the unusual if it is booked to cause astonishment. Under these conditions the people of Under these conditions the people of Washington may look with robust interest upon a freak of medical science that has held the attention of local physicians. It is not a marvel of intricacy, but simply an extraordinary treatment to correct a sharp curve in the spinal column of a policeman who was injured nearly a year ago. Twice a day he is hanged by the neck from an apparatus

No Danger of Strangulation.
To those unacquainted with the secrets of surgery this statement may appear absurd. Naturally the layman would think that strangulation should follow such a strain. But, fortunately, there is no evil result like that. Indeed, the patient has become accustomed to being hanged, having undergone the treatment for over four months. He is suspended from the contrivance for about forty-five minutes each time.

constructed especially for such cases.

The patient is George Knupfer, a private of the Ninth precinct. He sustained the injury last spring while endeavoring to stop a team of runaway horses near the Benning race track. Before the animals were brought to a halt Knupfer was turown violently to the ground, striking his back on the hard

Paralyzed in Both Arms.

Shortly after the accident he became partly paralysed in both arms. It was evident that the fall had injured the spine. An examination of the wound was made, and disclosed that the backbone had been hurt near the first dorsal and seventh cervical, causing pressure paralysis or compressison myelitis. This resulted in a "kink" appearing in

The 'gallows' treatment was begun after Knupfer had been taken to Sibley Hospital about the 1st of December. The apparatus consisted of a long plank highly polished, with a padded notch at one end for the patient's head to rest upon. There are also a number of leather straps to fasten on the chin and the base of the skull. On either side of the board were loops for the support of the arms, to be used in an

The contrivance is so constructed that it lies parallel with the floor in its normal position. Thus the patient is permitted to lie down on it, his head is strapped tightly to the gearing, and the plank is slowly raised. This action causes the body to slide down the glassy surface until its weight rests upon the neck. The board is signted according to the desired pressure. In this case, it has been tilted on an angle of 45 degrees, leaving the head to support two-thirds of the body's weight. When the treatment was begun Knupfer was unable to remain upon the instrument more than fifteen minutes. He gradually became accustomed to the strain, however, and day by day the time was increased until at present he

without much pain. Improving Under the Treatment.

can hang for three-quarters of an hour

The diseased backbone has been greatly benefited by the strange process. The "kink" has been reduced 50 per cent., and Knupfer has recovered to a great extent the use of his arms. In his condition improved so rapidly that he was removed from the hospital to his home about two weeks ago. He is still undergoing the treatment, but it is doubtful if he will ever become en-

The apparatus is a German invention and is much used in that country. Its introduction into Washington aroused a lively interest among the medical fraternity. So far as is known the instrument is the only one of its kind in this section of the United States, and possibly in the entire country.

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