

Weight for Age

By ALFRED STODDART

"I think I know now," said Hugh Westery, "how a woman feels when she goes to a smart affair in her husband's dress. It will make me feel all the more for the future."

"You thought she had a secret?" asked Edith Weston. "As if you could ever tell."

The first time Hugh had seen the girl, he had been in the hall of the Grand Hotel, in New York, at the apartment, and one of the girls had said to him, "Hugh, you look like a man who has just seen the light."

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"I suppose," concluded Hugh, "that your brother Dick will ride his own horse Harvester in the Challenge Cup?"

"No, poor Dick is out West on his farm, and I don't know where he is. He won't be back until after the Challenge Cup."

"All the best men have ridden in the race. I should like to have had Stanley Gordon, but he has promised to ride Mr. Bradbury's Deutz."

Hugh knew Stanley Gordon very well indeed. No wonder, for Hugh had ridden many times in England.

Beetle Norris mentioned something about "weight for age," which Hugh could not but understand, and Stanley Gordon, who was standing in the hall, called a rather nervous smile which affected Hugh's nerves considerably.

When at last, however, the saddling bugle for the Challenge Cup had sounded, and Hugh, having washed in, was ready to mount, he felt not a little nervous in spite of himself, and he wondered whether, after all, Edith herself was not laughing at him a little bit.

Once more, however, the "feel" of the good horse between his knees gave him confidence. Hugh was glad to accept a hint from old Watson, Peter's head groom.

"It's a proud 'oss, sir," said Watson, "and you can't keep 'im back very long. If 'e once gets dismounted, it will be half hour for today, sir."

There were six entries for the Challenge Cup, and all of them started. The starter, with a sweeping glance which comprehended every one of the "field," drops his flag with a sudden downward sweep, and the horses strain over the turf like a flight of scallions flying close together.

Hugh Westery, on Harvester, got away about fourth, a position which suited him well. The Mendocino horse is a magnificent one and the first mile of the race was over a literally "white" running surface.

Hugh had ridden for a long time, but he had never ridden in the Challenge Cup before. He was a little nervous, but he was determined to win. He was a little nervous, but he was determined to win.

Hugh did not stay for the festivities at Peter's house that night, but pleaded an urgent telephone message which compelled him to hurry back to town. As he stood before his mirror late that evening examining ruefully the increasing grayness about his temples, he reflected bitterly that the race is not always to the swift nor the victory to the strong.

To which wise reflection he added a stern resolution to ride no more, at least for some time.

SECRET THAT NATURE KEEPS
Scientists Have Never Been Able to Discover Where the Seals Spend the Winter.

Not only do the seals go to the winter, in Alaska they have to appear on the islands of St. Paul and St. George about the end of April or the first of May, and toward the latter part of August or in the first weeks of September they disappear as mysteriously and as mysteriously as they appear. This is one of Nature's secrets which the best scientists as well as the prying eyes of the merely curious and inquisitive.

Even in the days, years ago, when the seals numbered 500,000 or more, apparently some island unknown to man, which he never saw and the next day the ice-creaked rocks would be bare, the seals having deserted the islands with their offspring. The birds, all traces of them were lost until they returned the following spring. This was something they would not have admitted, declaring themselves in the water or on the shore.

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This left the way clear for Dick, who took both jumps very cleverly, while Harvester, rushing at them with an impetus that was almost fatal, just managed to get over without a fall. The jumps now were comparative

ly easy ones, until they approached the "Liverpool," an awe-inspiring leap to the untrained rider or to a badly schooled horse.

Bricktop, with the indifference born of scores of former struggles, skinned it like a bird, but Brighteyes would have none of it. Dick and Harvester were now on equal terms, and Stanley Gordon, with a quick glance from the corner of his eye, realized that Hugh was going to be a permanent competitor, after all.

He took a fresh group of his rights as both horses approached the "Liverpool" and Hugh did his best to stay on his seat.

The two horses went at the last jump, a small one, in which Hugh did a little better than in the first. He was a little nervous, but he was determined to win.

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Came From England in Mail Sack



Contained in one of the mail sacks of goods which arrived in New York on the liner Aquitania was a small, but, it is said, the most beautiful diamond. It was a blue diamond, which was in the sack for eight days without water or food.

PRESENTS MANY AND VARIED
Gifts to British Bride Includes Furs, Diamonds and Other Articles of Immense Value.

In England when a daughter of the nobility is married her wedding presents are costly as well as varied. The following list of gifts is clipped from the London Times notice of the approaching marriage of Mr. Cecil Bessie and Miss Ivy Spence.

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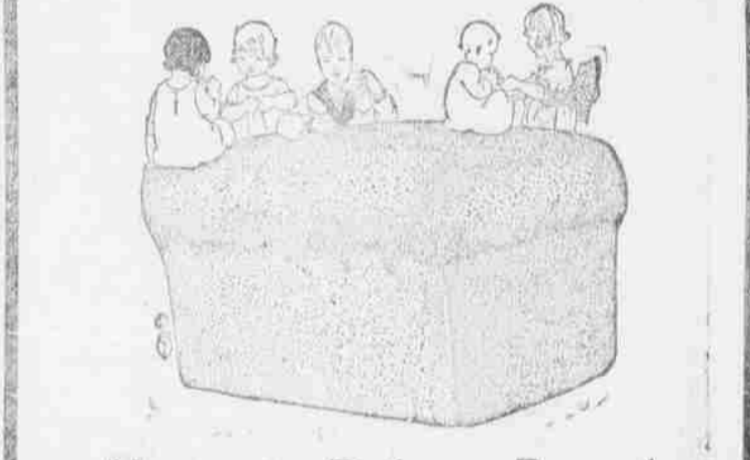
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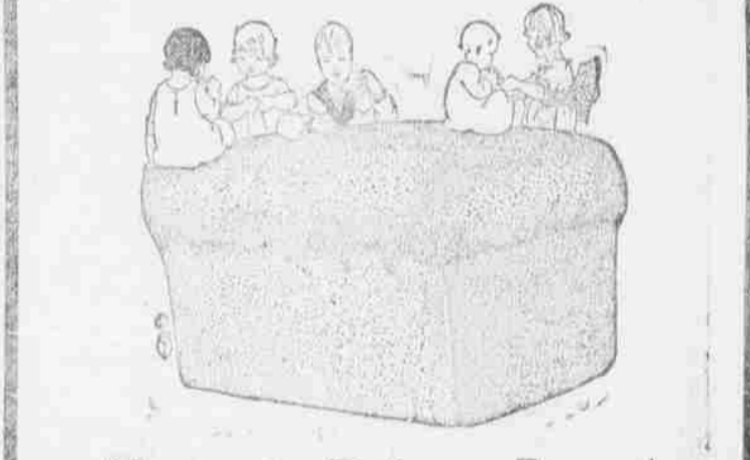
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