

MAKING PANSIES.

Three faces in a hood. The pony so called the panny so three hundred years ago. course she understood.

TELEPATHIC TIP.

Telegram for you, sir. was the morning of the Derby day, had just looked into the office...

message surprised me, for it ran: Don Pero is bound to win.—Dixey. read it again and again. Don Pero rank outsider and had been looking...

But this telegram upset all calculations, and yet I felt that I did not altogether ignore it. I sat down at my desk and wrote out...

There is no denying the fact that favorite is in excellent condition, I think that he will be beaten by a horse whose qualifications have hitherto been completely overlooked. I have no...

I was just thinking about starting the chief sent for me. "What does this mean, Mr. Good-

"Assured! By whom, pray?" "Pardon me," I answered, "but my information is obtained from a strictly private source. I'll alter the wording of the paragraph, if you like, but I should prefer that it goes in as it is."

"I have no wish to interfere in your department," replied the chief. "Let it stand, if you are sweet upon it. If it comes off, it will be all right. If not, well, we shall be the laughing stock of everybody, from the Jockey club down to the youngest Newmarket tot."

I did not think that it was worth while having an argument about the matter, so took an opportunity of closing the interview and took a cab to Waterloo. When I reached the course, I made the best of my way to the paddock in the hope of seeing Dixey and having a talk with him before racing began, but he was nowhere to be seen.

I son found that some of my colleagues wanted to have a chat with me, for The Sporting Courier, with my final in, had created quite a sensation. Jimmy Berners of The Starter was very forcible in his language and said some nasty things about my inability to provide the racing world with information that was of any value.

But what is that steadily creeping up on the outside? As I live it is Don Pero! Don Pero will not be shaken off, and he gradually bears the leader down, down, as they near home.

It is doubtful to tell from where we are standing which horse has won, but it appears to be the favorite, although Don Pero was extremely close up. At length the numbers appear on the telegraph board: 16—24—4.

I could hardly believe my eyes. Sixteen is Don Pero's number, 24 Windermere's and 4 that of another outsider. There was a deadly silence all around. No enthusiasm, no shouting, no jubilation of any kind. Blank despair is plainly written on the majority of faces near me. Then one of my colleagues turned to me:

"What does it mean, Goody? You are evidently in the know." "It means," I said, determined to have my revenge upon them, "that if you want to get a correct tip you must come to me," and with that parting shot I hastened to the paddock, where I saw Dixey surrounded by a crowd of inquiring sportsmen.

"Thanks very much for the wire, old man," I said in the course of the conversation. "Wire?" he replied, with a look of surprise on his face. "What wire?" "Why, you wired me that your horse would win?"

"What on earth are you talking about, Goody? I never wired you." "Well, I've got the wire here," I said as I felt in my pocket for it. But it was not there. I searched each pocket, but in vain. I must have left it at the office. Dixey began to laugh.

"How do you think I should have tipped such an outsider if I had not heard from you?" I asked him, almost angrily. "Hush! Not so loud," said Dixey, looking round in a half-frightened manner. "You fancy I wired to you. Quite a mistake, I assure you. I intended to do so, but I thought that it would be no good. That's all, Goody, really."

I saw it all. Dixey had sent the telegram and didn't want anybody to know that he had done so. All right. I would keep his secret. When I returned to town, I went straight to the office. I looked everywhere, but could find no trace of the telegram. I rang for Simmons. As he entered I said:

"Simmons, have you seen the telegram that you brought me this morning?" "Telegram, sir? I never brought you a telegram."

I could hardly believe my ears. There was a mistake somewhere. But I gave it up as a bad job and went off to the club. Everybody there was most enthusiastic and congratulatory. After we had settled down in the smoking room I told the boys the whole story.

They were rather incredulous at first, until Jimmy Berners burst out, "I tell you what it is, Goody, old chap, it's a clear case of telepathy." "But I had the telegram," I said. "You fancied you did," was his reply. "That's part of the business. You were thinking of Dixey. Dixey thought he would send you a wire. You thought you received it. That's all."

And that is the true story of how I received my "telepathic tip."—Exchange. "Auld Robin Gray."

Lady Anne Barnard wrote "Auld Robin Gray" when she was 21. It was published anonymously in 1776, and various persons claimed the authorship. Lady Anne did not acknowledge it was her own until two years before her death, when she wrote to Sir Walter Scott and confided the history of the ballad to him. It appears that the gifted lady was induced to write the song by a desire to see an old Scottish air, "The Bridegroom Grat When the Sun Gaed Doon," fitted with words more suitable than the rhapsody which, for want of better, had been sung to it. The name of "Auld Robin Gray" was taken from an ancient herd of Balaearras. Lady Anne was a daughter of James Lindsay, fifth earl of Balaearras. She married Andrew Barnard, son of Thomas, bishop of Limerick, and they went out to the Cape, where he died in 1807. Lady Anne returned to London and lived with her sister in Berkeley square until 1812. The sister's house was a literary center and was frequented by Burke, Sheridan, Windham, Douglas and the Prince of Wales, who were all habitual visitors.

Lady Anne won the lifelong attachment of the prince regent. She died in 1825, in her seventy-fourth year. No one has ever questioned Lady Anne Barnard's claim to the authorship of the words of "Auld Robin Gray," and, though I am not going to cast doubt upon the word of the writer at this late day, it is necessary to mention that prior not only to the appearance but to the writing of the world famous song there was a French ballad extant containing the gist of the story and the plot, by Paradis de Moncrif, entitled "Les Constantes Amours d'Alexis et d'Alexis."—S. J. Adair Fitz Gerald in Lloyd's.

Opinions and Their Truth. There is the greatest difference between presuming an opinion to be true, because with every opportunity for ascertaining it it has not been refuted, and assuming its truth for the purpose of permitting its refutation. Complete liberty of contradicting and disproving our opinion is the very condition which justifies us in assuming its truth for purposes of action, and on no other terms can a being with human faculties have any rational assurance of being right.—J. S. Mill.

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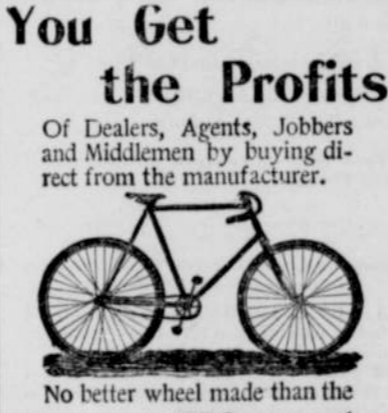
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