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### ITEMS OF .. SPORT

Of all the notable race meetings in the world, that which stands out pre-eminently by itself is Ascot-Royal Ascot, as it is fittingly called. There are three reasons why it stands out from all other meetings. These are, the total absence of those little selling plates from the card, the small number of handicaps—there being but five altogether, and the huge sum of money that is paid in prizes. The respective values of the five Ascot handicaps are approximately: The Hunt Cup 2,000 pounds; the Wokingham, 900 pounds; the Visitors' 500 pounds; and the High weight, 500 pounds. The last two mentioned races are the least valuable of the meeting. The total sum distributed yearly in prizes at Ascot varies slightly on either side of 38,000. This money is divided between twenty-eight races, seven on each of the four days. The most valuable race of all is that over two miles and a half for the Coveted Gold Cup. This, paart from the cup, is worth approximately 3,500 pounds to the winner.

Saddle and Sulky

Caper Sauce is now owned by Mr. Allan Case, and trained by Al. Weston.

Harry Payne Whitney has purchased 57 thoroughbred yearlings from James R. Jeene. The amount involved is said to be over \$100,-000. The yearlings will be shipped east from Kentucky this week.

Thirteen yearlings bred in Kenucky by Mr. Clarence H. Mackey were sold at Newmarket, England, last week, and realized an average Price of \$1,942.50. The best price was \$325.00 paid for a chestnut filly by Meddler out of Flocauline, which brought \$5,500.

> When the list of players signed on for Sheffield United for the next season was published, it was evident that a first class right wing was lacking. The Bramalllane club have endeavored to supply the want by securing Edward Connor from Manchester United, and Fred Groves, of Lincoln City and Worksop Town.

Charles Comiskey, the owner of the White Sox, paid a compliment to the Delahanty family yesterday. He said: "The Delahanty boys are all alike. It is and always will be a wonderful hitting family. they are sure bound to come across with the timely hits. notice Jim is getting his share with the Detroit team."

"Mag" McGregor, Tecumseh's sensational outside home player, comes from Almonte, and is also a star hockey player. He is in his third year at the Dental College, and is very popular with the spectators at lacrosse games on account of the chances he takes.

Amateur baseball is all the rage. One only needs to visit the western cities to find how popular the American game is becoming. Up around the streets many games are played nightly, and the swarms of mosquitoes, which are very troublesome at present, do not •• keep the players and fans from INGMAN'S HOME

clean White Sheets 25c their fun. Junior, interested of mercantile, and other kinds of lainer played every games are being played every night, and even the juveniles can be found in plenty having a game all to themselves. It is surprising what these youngsters know about the game. Canada is not noted for producing great ball players, though indeed there are several Canucks playing in the big leagues, but if the boys of these cities receive the right kind of encouragement there should be a few stars unearthed from the corner lots in a few years' time.

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### IMPRESSION OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS as if to one greater, mor

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Alberta prairie, peeps the tops of and then follow the tortuous the foot hills of the Rockies, and as course of the creek that soon the train eats up the miles, the becomes a river flowing down to distance lessens, and gradually the seas. Hitherto Nature, in the peaks show themselves in its grim and bitter side has shown ever-increasing beauty and clear- itself to be supreme, but now the

reached the foot of the mountains, and soon, very soon, the still unand here and there stands a lonely conquered mountain ranges will hitting, far shootpeak or a jutting spur, out-posts know the sting of defeat, as ing, lasting wear; and sentinels keeping watch and man robs them of their wealth thing betward over the vast expanse of hidden almost beyond his reach plain that stretches across to Cen- today. But that same victory tral Manitoba, keeping guard that will cost man dear as such vicevil does not come the way of the tories over those rocky giants ever great mother mountain range.

brawling mountain torrents, past receives scare headlines in the the mouths of valleys, some looking newspapers, but all the same a as if they were the home of the savage, and merciless war is being fairies, and others as if they were carried on by civilised man against the abode of all that is dark and the eternal hills, for the mountains dismal and evil, we pass along demand heavy toll and take it skirting the bases of mountains, suddenly and without warning in whose heads seem to defy the skies, exchange for their hidden treasures, past glimpses of nature, solemn and their toll is human life. and cheerful, until we pierce the Yet those inaccessible peaks, centre of the mountains.

eternal mountains is that it they give unwilling tribute. strikes a feeling into the heart | Their towering peaks gather a of the spectator, of terrible mag- harvest of the skies in snow and nificence, of an awesome solitude, rain; an unruly harvest, for breakand of a supreme and utter con- ing away the drops gather into a tempt for the little ways and tiny rivulet, then the rivulets works of man. They, the moun- gather into a creek, which joining tains, in their grim winter dress with others, force their way to with its grey and black, and white the seas, their parent, and freedom, contrasts, are emblematical of eter- tear down the mountain sides and nity, of unchanging truth and through deep ravines, gathering a stern justice; of all that the force and energy, that harnessed mind of man holds in awe. Stand- to the needs of civilisation spreads ing stern and immovable, a safe light in the darkness, power to the refuge for the bear, the wolf, manufacturer, and heat and comand the deer, they defy the efforts fort throughout the land. From of man and his puny instruments its bowels, it gives strength, heat to conquer their fastnesses.

the Western slopes is commenced precious stones. that the full grandeur of these! Yet all these latter are but the robe that covers the mountain has taken to its embrace. broken by a thousand ravines.

Across the sky-line of the rolling mountain side to the ravine below, fruits of the victory of man's Soon, very soon, the train has subtle ingenuity are recognised, sportsmen; its got will. Today the warfare is in Through the lower passes, past full swing. It is not a war that W. W.

do they not also contribute to the Unlike the beauties of the sun- upkeep of maskind. Grudgingly light valley, the scenery of the they give it but none the less

, beauty and wealth, which man It is not until, the descent of calls iron, coal, and gold, and

wonderful mountains is realised. spoils in the never failing war Looking down from the car, to betwixt man and nature, perthe right, the mountain slopes sonified in the form of great oversteeply to the bottom of a valley, hanging precipices, towering peaks, so far below as to seem to be ravines of fearful depth, and roarincalculable, while on the other ing, unbridled mountain torrents. side a mountain rises stern and Perhaps the toll is yet balanced grim and indifferent, snowclad, against man for no gold won out for the early spring warmth has of the rock can ever pay for the not yet taken effect on the white blood of those whom the mountain

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