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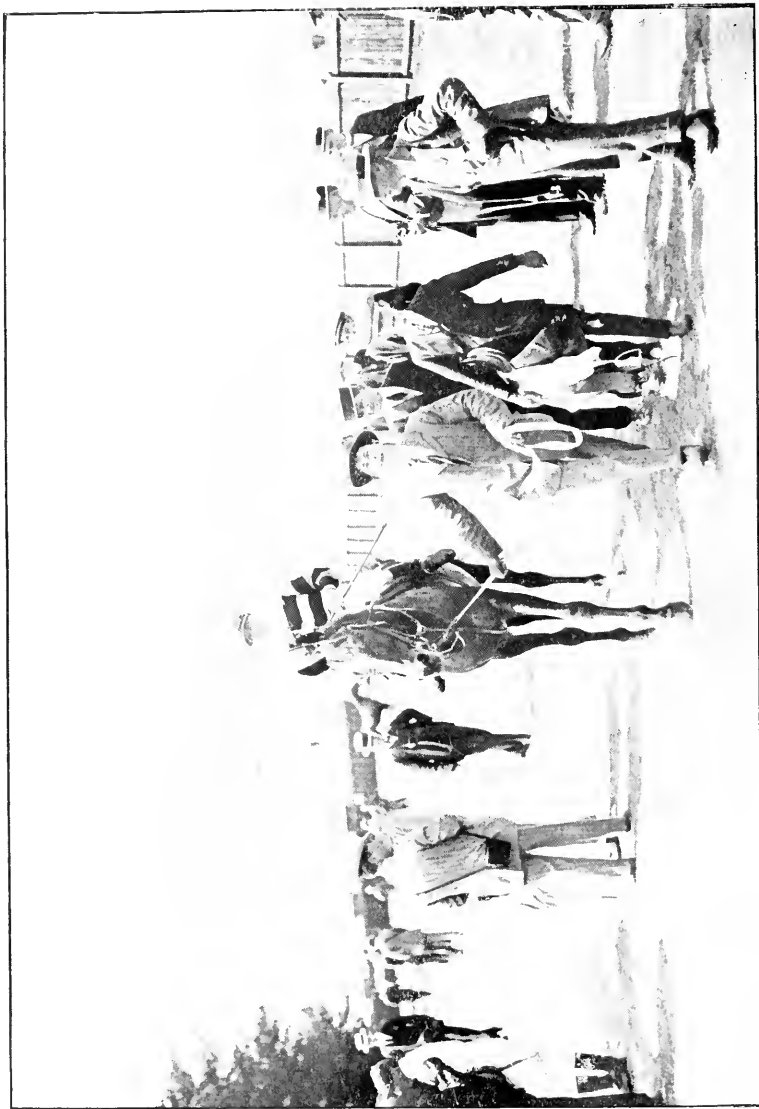
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GODWOOD, THE GORDON STAKES, 1911

Leading in Prince Palatine

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CHAPTER I

THE DERBY, THE ST. LEGER AND THE ASCOT CUP

IN general estimation the winner of the Derby stands out. His fame is established. Formerly the season had no numerical date in the vocabulary of the devotee of racing; it was "Hermit's year," "Cremorne's year," the year in which the colt or filly named had carried off what Mr. Disraeli described as "the Blue Ribbon of the Turf." One would be reluctant to see the tradition upset and anything but the highest opinion entertained of the Derby winner; but it might certainly be argued with no little force, with undeniable force indeed, that the St. Leger is surely of no less importance than the Derby as a test of merit. There are those who differ from the common opinion that the Derby course is an easy one. Personally I think it is so, and there seem to be reasons why it must be. A

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hill has to be ascended, but it occurs at the start when the horses are full of vigour, then the turns to some extent ease the journey, from Tattenham Corner to nearly the winning post there is a long descent, which cannot fail to be welcome to horses who have been exerting themselves, and if there is a slight subsequent rise to the winning post it is short and the gradient is trivial. A period of from three to four months elapses between the Derby and the Leger, and during this time a three-year-old may be expected in the ordinary course of nature to develop stamina. That he does so, indeed, the calculated scale of weight-for-age recognises. The mile and a half at Epsom, therefore, may perhaps be held as something like the equivalent of the mile, six furlongs, 132 yards at Doncaster; nevertheless the tendency is to regard the winner of the Leger as an approved stayer, whilst doubts on this head may at any rate sometimes exist in the case of the winner of the Derby. Glancing back to a period which is not remote, Shotover found the Leger course too far for her, having won the Derby without difficulty, and of other Epsom winners Sainfoin could not last the mile and a half of the Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot; in fact it is to be noted that as a four-year-old, when he was only brought out twice, on one occasion the distance was a mile, on the other six furlongs. Cicero

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never won over more than a mile and a half, and demonstrated at Ascot that he could not stay. Orby, again, never attempted a longer distance than the Derby course. Signorinetta's limit must be set down as a mile and a half. Minoru never won a longer race than the Derby, and all his other successes were over shorter distances.

Occasionally there is a year when the winner of the Oaks is better than the winner of the Derby; interest is frequently added to the Leger by the antagonism of the victor and victrix of the Epsom classics, and this makes the hero or heroine of the contest on the Town Moor more notable. I am quite convinced that if Busybody could have run for the Leger of 1884 The Lambkin would not have had the remotest chance with her, for I happen to know how good a filly she was. She ranks amongst the best of Oaks winners, The Lambkin as a moderate colt. This is, however, merely speculation; coming to facts, fillies who won the Oaks and at Doncaster beat the winner of the Derby, going back to a notable instance not too far in the past, include Mr. Merry's Marie Stuart, who in 1873 just disposed of her stable companion Doncaster. In 1888 Seabreeze beat Ayrshire, in 1890 Memoir beat Sainfoin, in 1892 La Flèche beat Sir Hugo, in 1902 Sceptre beat Ard Patrick, in 1904 Pretty Polly beat St. Amant. Since Seabreeze all the fillies who

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have won the Leger have beaten the winner of the Derby.

During the last fifty years prior to the war—this strikes me as a particularly interesting calculation, and is one that I do not remember to have seen made—the Derby winner has started in thirty-eight Legers and has won on fifteen occasions, twelve times he has been absent, and he has therefore been beaten twenty-three times. It may be worth while to give details. The fifteen dual winners include Gladiateur 1865, Lord Lyon 1866, Silvio 1877, Iroquois 1881, Melton 1885, Ormonde 1886, Donovan 1889, Common 1891, Isinglass 1893, Sir Visto 1895, Persimmon 1896, Galtee More 1897, Flying Fox 1899, Diamond Jubilee 1900, Rock Sand 1903.

LIST OF LEGER WINNERS, GIVING NAMES OF DERBY WINNERS WHO WERE BEATEN.

1867	ACHIEVEMENT,	-	-	Hermit.
1869	PERO GOMEZ,	-	-	Pretender.
1870	HAWTHORNDEN,	-	-	Kingcraft.
1873	MARIE STUART,	-	-	Doncaster.
1876	PETRARCH,	-	-	Kisber.
1879	RAYON D'OR,	-	-	Sir Bevys.
1880	ROBERT THE DEVIL,	-	-	Bend Or.
1882	DUTCH OVEN,	-	-	Shotover.
1883	OSSIAN,	-	-	St. Blaise.
1884	THE LAMBKIN,	-	-	Harvester.
1887	KILWARLIN,	-	-	Merry Hampton.
1888	SEABREEZE,	-	-	Ayrshire.



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PRINCE PALATINE WINNING THE ST. LEGER, 1911

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1890	MEMOIR,	-	-	-	Sainfoin.
1892	LA FLÈCHE,	-	-	-	Sir Hugo.
1894	THROSTLE,	-	-	-	Ladas.
1898	WILDFOWLER,	-	-	-	Jeddah.
1901	DORICLES,	-	-	-	Volodyovski.
1902	SCEPTRE,	-	-	-	Ard Patrick.
1904	PRETTY POLLY,	-	-	-	St. Amant.
1908	YOUR MAJESTY,	-	-	-	Signorinetta.
1909	BAYARDO,	-	-	-	Minoru.
1910	SWYNFORD,	-	-	-	Lemberg.
1912	TRACERY,	-	-	-	Tagalie.
1913	NIGHT HAWK,	-	-	-	Aboyeur.

Enough has surely been said to emphasise the claim put forward on behalf of the great Doncaster event.

How the five races—the Two Thousand Guineas, the One Thousand, the Derby, the Oaks and the St. Leger—came to be distinguished as “classics” nobody seems to know. The title is universally accepted, and the term “classic winner” has peculiar significance, even though, as must inevitably have happened, a few names occur to detract somewhat from the brilliance of the list. But there is another race which in reality ranks no whit behind the classics; indeed the table of winners may unquestionably be described as unsurpassed, if it would be too much to speak of it as unequalled, and the use of the last word might be forcibly defended. Of course I refer to “The Cup.” So it is called. To specify the “Ascot Cup” or the “Gold Cup”

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is needless. "The Cup" suffices. It might be likely to strike the novice in Turf affairs who looked down the record of this trophy that the number of runners had nearly always been singularly small. The race was instituted in 1807. From 1845 to 1853 it was known as the Emperor's Plate, in consequence of the Czar of Russia having bestowed an endowment when he visited England, but in 1854 it reverted to the original title, and has been continued uninterruptedly till the abandonment of the Ascot meeting in 1915, owing to the war. Once, in 1821, a horse was allowed to walk over, on seven occasions there has been a match, fourteen times only three horses have run, twenty times no more than four, and only seven times in the hundred and eight years of the Cup's existence up to the time of writing has the field extended to double figures. When Bayardo won in 1910 there were thirteen starters, twice a dozen have gone to the post: when Alarm won in 1840, and in 1857 when the prize went to Skirmisher. William the Third in 1902 was one of eleven, Glaucus in 1835, Lecturer in 1867 and Aleppo in 1914 were each one of ten. The explanation is that the owner of what would be rated as merely a good horse does not venture to compete. He is aware that the select few who are to be trained for the Cup will be horses of altogether exceptional capacity, and it can hardly be worth

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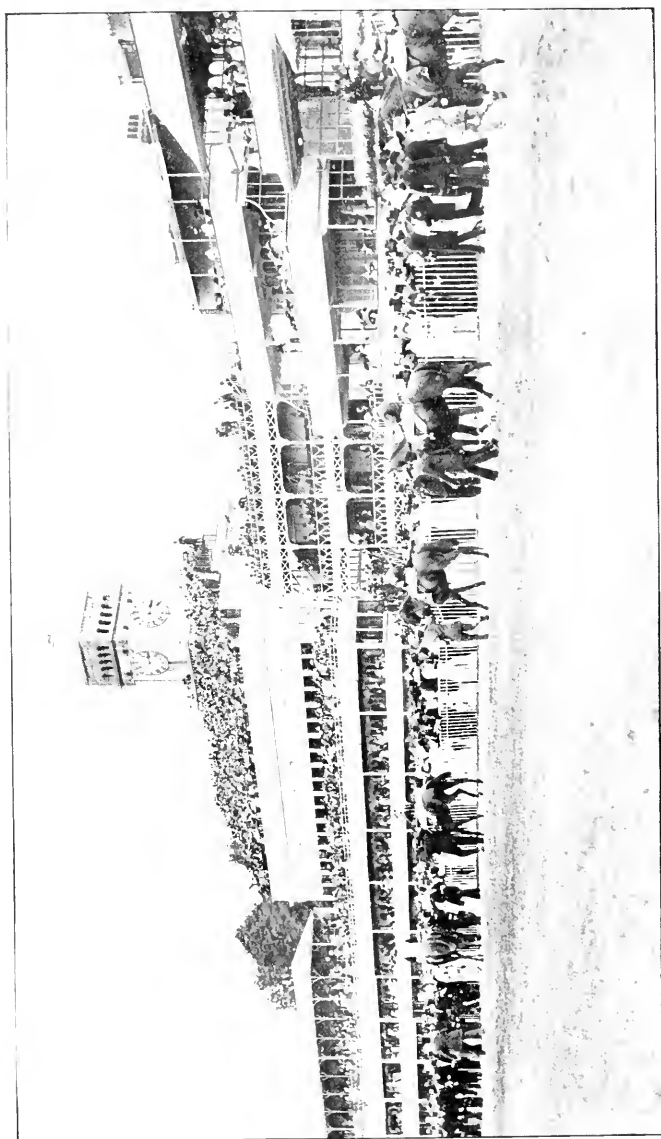
while to start anything but an animal of the very highest class.

An absolutely superlative standard cannot be maintained, even in the greatest of races. One or two names which tend somewhat to dull the lustre invariably creep in. And so in the case of the Cup we find Althorp—he started eight times that season, and the Cup was his only success—Bird of Freedom, who had been second to Althorp the previous year, Throwaway, Bomba, and perhaps a very few others might be added who are not altogether worthy of their association. This is, however, inevitable, and on the other hand, to glance through the list of winners of the Cup is to recognise a host of the very greatest names in the history of the Turf. Here since 1854, when, as already noted, the trophy again became the Cup, we have West Australian, Gladiateur, Isinglass and Persimmon, who, as just mentioned, carried off both Derby and Leger; other Derby winners in Thormanby, Bluegown, Cremorne and Doncaster; Leger and Oaks winners in Apology and La Flèche; Leger winners in Petrarch, Robert the Devil and Bayardo. Besides these there have been great Cup winners who for one reason or another did not compete in the classics—Foxhall, demonstrably a vast deal better than his American contemporary, the Derby and Leger winner Iroquois; the invincible St. Simon,

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generally supposed to share with Ormonde the reputation of being the best two animals in racing history; St. Gatien, Cyllene, and several great French horses, for small as the fields for the Cup have been they have frequently, or it might be said usually, included a French champion, and on several occasions he has not been sent over in vain.

One name has to be added, that of Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, a horse with undeniable claims to the very highest distinction. That his career was not absolutely unchequered will be perceived from the following pages. A horse, however, must be judged by his best performances. In cases where an animal has only one notable achievement to his credit the critic might with some plausibility suggest that the victory was in the nature of a fluke; but Prince Palatine won the Leger, he joined the glorious little band of those who not only carried off the Cup, but did so twice. These three races were amply sufficient to make his name for ever memorable, and as this little book is written to demonstrate he has other claims to a place amongst the selectest of the select.



ASCOT, THE GOLD CUP, 1912
The Parade

CHAPTER II

THE PEDIGREE OF PRINCE PALATINE

IF breeding guaranteed success the road to victory on the Turf would be more plainly marked out than it is. Breeding nevertheless counts for much, and it naturally gave rise to the highest hopes about Prince Palatine, a son of Persimmon and Lady Lightfoot. There is much to be said about the parentage of Mr. Pilkington's great horse, though little perhaps that is not known to students of racing history. I am able, however, to furnish an undoubtedly authentic account of the sire, Persimmon, for the reason that I treated him at length in a book which I wrote some years ago entitled *King Edward VII. as a Sportsman*. His Majesty in according leave for the production of this volume graciously said that Lord Marcus Beresford would help me in the chapters dealing with the Turf. As a matter of fact I had been tolerably familiar with Persimmon's history, having written much about it in current periodicals, often deriving information from Lord Marcus and from Richard Marsh, the

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King's trainer. This being so I cannot do better than borrow here from what I wrote in the volume mentioned. Many readers will be aware that John Porter, who trained King Edward's flat race horses when first the Royal colours were carried under Jockey Club rules, bought for his master Perdita II., the daughter of Hampton and Hermione who was to become the dam of the three famous brothers, Florizel II., Persimmon and Diamond Jubilee. The mare cost 900 guineas, and her son Persimmon, two years younger than Florizel II., made his first appearance at Ascot in the Coventry Stakes, a race whose title is a commemoration of that good sportsman Lord Coventry's Mastership of the Buckhounds. Persimmon as a matter of course was greatly admired when seen in the paddock, and he justified the admiration by winning with the utmost ease. He did not run again till Goodwood, where he took part in the Richmond Stakes, which had previously fallen to several classic winners, as it may be remarked it has since to Handicapper, who carried off the Two Thousand Guineas of 1901; to Bayardo, unquestionably the best three-year-old of his season, 1909—notwithstanding that he was beaten in the Two Thousand Guineas and in the Derby, having only the St. Leger to his credit; to Sweeper II., a Two Thousand Guineas winner; to Black Jester, who won St. Leger of 1914; and to Pommern, victorious in

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the substitute Derby of 1915. It would have been better had Persimmon then concluded his efforts for the year, for not long before the Middle Park Plate he had been coughing, and there were two most formidable rivals in Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's St. Frusquin and the late Duke of Westminster's Omladina. These two beat the Prince of Wales's colt, though considering his lack of condition at the time, which is not one of the stereotyped excuses but a veritable fact, the defeat did not injure his reputation.

Persimmon grew into a magnificent three-year-old, retaining his fine action. I may here interpolate that Lord Marcus Beresford was good enough to read the proofs of my book about King Edward, and as he approved, the details here given are incontrovertible. During the Craven Meeting, when the Prince was in residence at Newmarket, Persimmon was galloped, and that with a couple of moderate animals to whom it might have been expected he could have given any weight in reason, Courtier and Chinkara. To the dismay and bewilderment of owner, manager and trainer, Persimmon did very badly, so badly, indeed, that it was perceived he could not be within incalculable pounds of his form. As soon as Watts, who was riding, dismounted, he said he was convinced there must be something amiss. When Marsh got him home the horse put his head in his

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manger and almost groaned with pain. Suspicion arose that he was suffering from his teeth, and in examination it was found that an abscess had formed under one of them. The trouble was soon rectified by the trainer's brother, an efficient horse dentist; but it was considered advisable not to run the colt for the first of the classic races, the Two Thousand Guineas, which was very easily carried off by St. Frusquin. I may here observe that Persimmon, great horse as he unquestionably was, failed on occasions just as his son Prince Palatine did. For one reason or another it is rare to find a horse always at his best, and in the case of this family, it may be—in fact there is little doubt about it—that the shiftiness of the dam, Perdita II., was unfortunately at times liable to affect her descendants.

That Persimmon would recover his form Marsh did not doubt. Before the colt had ever been sent to Newmarket his trainer, who was accustomed to visit Sandringham and see how the foals were progressing, had allowed himself to grow hopeful that a very good, if not actually a great, horse had been produced there, and of course his two-year-old running, only confirming his trials as it did, had left no question. Still there was always a certain cause for apprehension. It is an established truth that Perdita II. was the main factor in the successes of the stud, but she herself had been hopelessly jadey when

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in training. Towards the end of her career she simply declined to go on to the Limekilns to do her work, and there was an ever present possibility that this strain in her nature would develop in her progeny.

In the early summer Persimmon went so well one morning that Marsh wrote a delighted letter to Lord Marcus Beresford begging him to come down and see the colt gallop, dwelling on the dash and vigour which he was displaying. Lord Marcus arrived accordingly. Persimmon was started for a spin with Courtier, Safety Pin and Chinkara, bad animals, or at any rate very moderate ones, who should not have been able to make him do more than canter; but this time the hope of the stable was very far indeed from distinguishing himself. He was a horse of moods who had his day, though most happily these moods only overtook him in his ordinary work; when on a racecourse the soft strain which it was always feared he might have inherited from his dam was never apparent. A few days afterwards when Lord Marcus was not present to have his recent impressions corrected—for he had naturally gone away in despondent humour—Persimmon again began to move in his best form, and shortly before the Derby it was thought well to try him regularly. Their Royal Highnesses the then Prince and Princess of Wales were graciously pleased to be present with

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others of the Royal Family. The gallop was to take place on the private course which surrounds the grounds of the trainer's residence, and Marsh thoughtfully had a little stand erected on his lawn for the accommodation of the Royal party. Safety Pin and Courtier were put in, but the trial horse was the Duke of Devonshire's Balsamo, who was to win the City and Suburban next year and had already shown good form. Persimmon was set to give Balsamo 21 lb., with of course a very great deal more weight to the others, and to the general delight he won so easily that his Derby prospects were considered to have become promising in the extreme. Her Royal Highness the Princess warmly expressed her admiration of what she had seen, and asking Marsh what impression had really been conveyed to him—whether, that is to say, there were really strong hopes that Persimmon would win the Derby, the answer was “We have only one to beat, Your Royal Highness—Mr. Rothschild's St. Frusquin.”

How accurate the trainer's opinion was the event shortly proved. Marsh's fears were a reflex of public opinion. In summing up between St. Frusquin and Persimmon it was almost a matter of course that the preference should be for Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's colt. He had beaten Persimmon five lengths in the Middle Park Plate, and though no secret was made of the fact that the Prince's representative was not

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then at his best, there are many racegoers who have a rooted indisposition to accept excuses, which far more often than not turn out to possess little foundation. How much was Persimmon behind his real form at Newmarket the previous autumn? people asked. Admitting that the statement of his backwardness had truth in it, they argued, perhaps it was not sufficient to account for all those five lengths. Had there been very much the matter with him, it was further protested, so careful a trainer as Marsh, and so experienced a manager as Lord Marcus Beresford, would surely have dissuaded his Royal Highness from running; and the Prince was always ready to follow their strong recommendations. Persimmon had, moreover, started a strong favourite at 2 to 1 for the Middle Park Plate, and the consensus of opinion which causes a horse to stand at such short odds, especially for an important race, is almost invariably guided and formed by knowledge. Furthermore, Persimmon had not been able to run for the Two Thousand Guineas, and this was necessarily held to tell against him. St. Frusquin had won that classic, and had done so with superlative ease, his success having been regarded as so assured that odds of 100 to 12 had actually been laid upon him.

The Prince almost invariably arrived on a course well before the first race, and he reached Epsom on

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this famous 3rd of June, 1896, in plenty of time to witness the two contests which preceded the struggle for the great race. The all-absorbing question was whether the Prince could win. Comparatively few of those assembled supposed that his chance was really the best. St. Frusquin "hardened in the market," as the phrase goes; Persimmon's supporters could get 6 to 1 till the field of eleven came out to parade before the stand, and then there was something of a reaction in favour of the handsome bearer of the "purple, gold braid, scarlet sleeves, black cap with gold fringe," whose attractive appearance sent him to 5 to 1 without, however, weakening the status of St. Frusquin, on whom his admirers willingly laid 7 to 4, an idea prevailing that Persimmon was being backed in many cases chiefly because he belonged to the Prince, and the keen desire for his victory influenced the outlay. The more a horse is backed the shorter the odds against him become; there was a wide margin, it will be seen, between the prices of St. Frusquin and Persimmon, and it was also imagined that the latter held a false position in consequence of his ownership.

Running was made by Bay Ronald—destined in course of time to earn fame as the sire of Bayardo. He led round Tattenham Corner, before reaching which memorable landmark St. Frusquin made his way into second place, and with him was Persimmon,

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though not before Watts had been badly scared. About the mile post Persimmon hung, seeming to be afraid to go up to his horses ; and here the jockey's skill was manifested. Instead of pressing the colt, which would probably have alarmed him, he patiently sat quite still. Persimmon soon recovered, and then went in pursuit of St. Frusquin. Watts had fully assimilated the fact that Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's colt was the one he had to beat—if he could. By now it had come to a question of class, and the class of St. Frusquin and Persimmon being superior to that of Mr. Leonard Brassey's colt the inevitable happened ; Bay Ronald fell back beaten. St. Frusquin went on well clear of Persimmon and led past the bell. But among the multitude who lined the course were many possessors of sharp eyes, and they perceived that Persimmon was going the faster of the pair, that with his long and sweeping stride he was gradually if very slowly reducing the gap, and that there was yet time for him to get up. So a murmur of delight began to rise from thousands of throats ; and there was reason for it. Less than a hundred yards from the winning post Persimmon had drawn level. St. Frusquin gallantly strove to hold his own. The race was not over yet, for a falter or a swerve on the part of the bearer of the Royal colours—and horses will falter under such tremendous pressure—would still have been fatal. Here the

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advantage of the stronger jockey was evident. Persimmon got his head in front; St. Frusquin, ridden by T. Loates, who could go to scale at 7 st. 5 lb., could not, struggle as he might, regain the position, and forging just a little farther in advance Persimmon passed the post a neck to the good.

The scene which followed need not be described. We are here confining ourselves to the horse as the sire of Prince Palatine, but I may quote a letter which I received from the late Mr. Leopold de Rothschild when engaged in my book about King Edward. I had written in the hope of obtaining some details not generally known. "Persimmon," the letter ran, "was certainly a great horse, probably better by far as a four-year-old than in his earlier days. I was staying at Newmarket on the Saturday and Sunday prior to the Derby. My brother Lord Rothschild and I went to see Persimmon in his box, when Marsh told us that he had been an extremely difficult horse to train. He had been amiss in the Spring and it took him some time to recover. Though not very sanguine, Marsh said the horse was gradually improving day by day, and that in a marked manner. As you will no doubt remember, there was always considerable difficulty in boxing Persimmon. He was very excited, and it took all Marsh's patience and ingenuity to get him into the train without running any risk of injuring him. It

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was eventually managed, and Marsh as well as many others thought that this excitement had done the colt as much good as, if not more than, one or two strong gallops. At any rate I saw Persimmon canter at Epsom the morning of the race, and was much struck by the improvement in his appearance since the previous Saturday. Marsh agreed when I remarked this to him. I was not present at the Derby"—it was the anniversary of the death of Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's father, and not even the temptation of seeing St. Frusquin win, as the colt was so confidently expected to do, could draw him to Epsom—"and you know all the details of the great event far better than I do."

That there was really nothing to choose between St. Frusquin and Persimmon was demonstrated in the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket, where the Derby running was reversed, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's colt with 3 lb. advantage in the weights beating Persimmon half a length, and that was the last appearance of St. Frusquin. Persimmon, with long odds on him, beat half a dozen animals of moderate capacity in the St. Leger, and ended his three-year-old career by comfortably carrying off the Jockey Club Stakes from Lord Rosebery's Derby and Leger winner Sir Visto.

As a four-year-old the sire of Prince Palatine was only out twice. It was the Prince's ambition

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to win the Ascot Cup, and here I may again draw upon my previous book, *King Edward VII. as a Sportsman*.

For the purpose of leading Persimmon in his work an old horse called Glentilt was purchased, a good stayer, for he had run second at the Great Metropolitan Stakes at Epsom with 7 st. 7 lb., giving weight to the winner, Soliman. Persimmon thrived, and shortly before Ascot was tried. He carried 9 st. 12 lb., Glentilt 6 st. 3 lb., and with others to help they were sent two miles and a half on the July course. When Persimmon was passing the winning post Glentilt had not got into the dip, being in fact from a furlong to a quarter of a mile behind, and in receipt, as will be perceived, of 3 st. 9 lb. That Persimmon could lose the Cup seemed impossible, and in fact he cantered home for it at his leisure, the verdict in his favour being eight lengths. A few weeks later he made his last appearance, at Sandown, winning the Eclipse Stakes at his ease. Odds of 100 to 12 were laid on him, 100 to 8 against Velasquez who was second, 25 to 1 against Bay Ronald, an indifferent third, Bradwardine and Beato hopeless outsiders. Tempting as the subject is I must not dwell too long upon Persimmon, whose career at the stud was no less successful than on the turf, and that Prince Palatine is the best of his sons, past or present, is from

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several points of view susceptible of the clearest proof.

If space were unlimited I should like to expatiate at length on Persimmon's sire, St. Simon, generally, as already remarked, rated as one of the two best horses in the annals of the Turf, the other being the invincible Ormonde; though it is claimed for St. Simon that indirectly he could be made out Ormonde's superior. This argument is advanced in that extremely serviceable volume, *Famous Horses*, by Mr. Theodore Taunton. Writing of St. Simon he states it to be a fact that as a three-year-old the colt was tried 21 lb. better than the Derby dead-heater of the same year, Harvester, "and his trainer," he adds, "considered him to be at least a stone better than Minting, and therefore superior to Ormonde." But even what so great a trainer as Matthew Dawson "considered" in such a case cannot be accepted as altogether convincing when the form is merely collateral. St. Simon was born in 1881, Minting in 1883, and it is safe to assume that Minting and St. Simon were never tried together. St. Simon by Galopin—St. Angela was never extended. As a two-year-old he won a couple of races at Goodwood, which it might be admitted, if anyone cared to be critical, did not require a great deal of winning; they earned him 8 st. 12 lb. in the Devonshire Nursery at Derby, and

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9 st. in the Prince of Wales's Nursery at Doncaster. He won both without an effort, the latter he carried off in a canter by eight lengths from his stable companion Iambic, in receipt of 2 st. 7 lb. His fifth and last essay as a two-year-old was a match with the Duke of Westminster's Duke of Richmond, an extremely smart colt who, when known as Bushey, had won the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood, an hour after St. Simon had made his first appearance in the Halmaker Stakes.

If there had been any doubt of St. Simon's ability to stay it was effectually solved in the Ascot Cup of 1884, which he won in a canter by twenty lengths from Tristan and three others, Tristan himself having secured this trophy the previous year. That Prince Batthyany omitted St. Simon from the classic races seems curious at the present time, though it mattered little as regards the Derby, for the Prince fell dead at Newmarket in the Spring, and St. Simon's nomination would therefore have become void. Otherwise it is interesting to note how classic honours have been gained from father to son. In the year 1829 Voltaire did not, indeed, win the Leger. He only failed by half a length, however, to beat Rowton, the property of Mr. Petre, who had won the race the two previous seasons with Matilda and The Colonel. Voltaire was the sire of Lord Zetland's Voltigeur, who won both

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Derby and Leger of 1850, and by whom Northern lovers of the Turf emphatically swore. There has scarcely been a more famous event in racing history than the match between Voltigeur and The Flying Dutchman, a year Voltigeur's senior and victorious in the same two classics. The Flying Dutchman, it is true, won the match, but it is most strenuously protested, and is said to have been proved by a trial which took place when Voltigeur returned home, that he must have been a stone below his Doncaster form. Voltigeur begot Vedette, who won the Two Thousand Guineas of 1857 for Lord Zetland. Vedette begot Prince Batthyany's Galopin, doubtless one of the best ever known; indeed the late John Dawson, with whom I was in close contact for some years, has several times expressed to me his firm belief that Galopin has never had a superior. He was the sire of St. Simon, and from what has just been said about Harvester, it is obvious that St. Simon must have won the Derby in a canter, in fact it is difficult to imagine his being even pressed. St. Simon was the sire of Persimmon, who won the Derby and St. Leger of 1896, and Persimmon was the sire of Prince Palatine, who thus continues the succession. It is impossible to guess what the future may have in store, but it may at least be hoped, and for this hope there seems to be substantial grounds, that

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Prince Palatine may presently sire the winner of other classics.

Turning now to Prince Palatine's female ancestry, Lady Lightfoot, his dam, was bred by the late Sir Daniel Cooper, and bought at the sale of that gentleman's yearlings in 1901 by Colonel W. Hall Walker for 700 guineas. The Colonel was doubtless influenced in his purchase by the fact that the filly was a daughter of Isinglass and Glare. Of Glare Sir Daniel entertained a most exalted opinion, which was shared by her new owner. She was a daughter of another winner of all the three classics, Ayrshire, and of Footlight, a mare rich in running blood. Glare began her career with a success in the Brocklesby Plate at Lincoln, following on by taking the Bedford Two-Year-Old Plate at Newmarket in the Spring, and so highly was she esteemed that odds of 3 to 1 were laid on her for the Woodcote Stakes at Epsom. This was her first failure. The race went to Lord Rosebery's subsequent Derby winner, Ladas, 8 st. 12 lb., who beat Mr. Harry Milner's Mecca, 8 st. 9 lb., by a length and a half, Glare, 8 st. 13 lb., a head behind. I saw the race, but do not remember the details. It seems, however, that the result must have been wrong, for though Mecca was a smart filly, according to my recollection she certainly should not have beaten Glare at a difference of 4 lb. Going to Ascot Glare

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carried off the Fern Hill Stakes from animals of high repute—Mr. "Jersey's" Milford, Tanderagee, who had won the valuable Imperial Stakes at Kempton Park for Richard Marsh, Mr. R. H. Coombe's Bill of Portland, and Mr. Wallace Johnstone's Best Man, a horse of the very first class, one of whose mounted hoofs is serving me for an inkstand as I write. There were a couple of two-year-olds, Port Rush and Sibyl Roy, but, though I think they won races, they were of less account.

In the National Breeders' Produce Stakes at Sandown Glare started under the disadvantage of having to carry 9 st. 6 lb., which meant giving no less weight than 16 lb., exclusive of sex, to Mr. C. J. Blake's smart colt Delphos: she had a 10 lb. penalty, he benefited by a 10 lb. breeding allowance. Odds of 6 to 5 were laid on Delphos, 10 to 1 against Glare, who followed him home, and in the circumstances her failure cannot be esteemed discreditable. At Goodwood Glare was second for the Prince of Wales's Stakes to the Duke of Westminster's Bullingdon, who the following season ran Isinglass to a head for the £10,000 Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket, third place in this Goodwood race being occupied by the Duke of Portland's Schoolbook, who was here encountering Glare for the third time. Sir Daniel Cooper's filly met Bullingdon again in the Buckenham Stakes, and this time beat

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him, a reversal of the Goodwood running, and that backers did not know what to think about it is shown by the return, "even betting." Glare was out once more this season, for an All Aged Stakes at the Houghton Meeting. This time 11 to 10 was laid on her in what was a match with Sir J. Blundell Maple's five-year-old Prince Hampton, and he beat her by three parts of a length.

Almost as often as not two-year-old fillies lose their form, and unfortunately Glare is an example. She reappeared for the Newmarket Stakes, the betting here being eloquent. No less than 100 to 8 was laid on Ladas, 100 to 6 against Mr. Douglas Baird's St. Florian, 25 to 1 against Glare, 66 to 1 against the Duke of Portland's Galston, 100 to 1 against Mr. T. Jennings's Sir John Broad. The five finished in the order indicated. Glare was evidently supposed to be in better trim at Ascot, for she and Mr. Henry Milner's Jocasta, a son of St. Simon and Thebais, started equal favourites for the Coronation Stakes, which was taken by Throstle—the filly who so unexpectedly carried off the St. Leger—from Sir J. Blundell Maple's Royal Victoria; Jocasta, 8 st. 3 lb., and Amiable, who had won the Oaks, 9 st. 10 lb., running a dead-heat for third place. This was one of the wettest Ascots on record, and a note in the *Calendar* is to the effect that "in consequence of the mud and the rain the jockeys could not

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draw the weight, but were passed by the Stewards." Glare's last outing was for a Biennial, and she finished last of the four starters—the Duke of Westminster's Grey Leg, Mr. Tom Cannon's Curzon, who was to run second for the Derby to Sir Visto next season, and Mr. H. E. Beddington's Maundy Money. Sir Daniel then withdrew her, and she has done excellent service in the paddocks, one of her distinguished offspring being Flair, who won the One Thousand Guineas of 1906, and was considered to have a better chance for the Derby than her stable companion, Major Eustace Loder's Spearmint. Unfortunately, however, after the One Thousand Flair could not be produced.

Classing winners as "moderate," "useful," "good," the last category extending upwards to great, Lady Lightfoot, Prince Palatine's dam, may be ranked as "useful." She came out in the Princess's Cup at Newmarket First July, and finished second to Mr. Jersey's Smilax, having behind her, amongst others who subsequently won races, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's Gourgaud, Mr. Leonard Brassey's Alderman, and Mr. Fairie's smart colt Tippler. The second attempt of the dam of Prince Palatine was more successful. She beat a field of one and twenty for a Maiden Plate at the Second July Meeting. At Liverpool she was second for the Southport Two-Year-Old Stakes to Captain J. Orr-Ewing's Dum-

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barton Castle, a subsequent winner of the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood amongst other races. At Haydock Park Lady Lightfoot had a busy time. On the first afternoon she won the County Maiden Two-Year-Old Plate, and on the second day the Leigh Park Plate. At Sandown, in the September Nursery, she carried unsuccessfully the top weight, 8 st. 12 lb.; at Doncaster she was unplaced for the Prince of Wales's Nursery. She did no better in the Ditch Mile Nursery at the Newmarket First October Meeting, and though second favourite for the Criterion Nursery she could not finish in the first three. She had only earned £395, but winning races with her was by no means her owner's only object; it was for the paddocks that he had acquired her.

As a three-year-old she began by being seventh in an undistinguished field for the West Derby Stakes at Liverpool, but starting outsider for the Slough Maiden Plate at Windsor she cantered home with four lengths to spare, and won an Apprentices' Plate at Epsom by half a dozen lengths, with odds of 15 to 8 on her. Odds were again laid on her for a similar event at Lingfield, as much as 11 to 4, but in a field of eight she was last but two; and favourite for another Apprentices' Plate at Goodwood she just missed a place. At Brighton the same thing happened—apparently her mission was to give

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Robinson's stable boys a little experience. Trigg rode her in the Rufford Abbey Plate at Doncaster, which was taken by the Cesarewitch winner Grey Tick—Lady Lightfoot unplaced. She was fifth again for the Nottingham Handicap, and then did a little better, finishing second to Switch Cap for the October Handicap at Haydock Park, and at last again making her way to the front in the Pheasant Midweight Handicap at Lingfield Park, a race which owes its title to the fact that it is run in October. She was beaten for the Horley Handicap at Gatwick, and again, her twelfth race of the year, for the County Welter Handicap at Manchester in November. Thus she had been out in the first week in the season and kept on until the last, a series of efforts which might well have raised fears that she had impaired her vitality—certainly not the case.

That was her last appearance under Jockey Club Rules, £365 being the amount of her earnings in her second season, but she was not yet retired. Three of Colonel Hall Walker's brothers were owners of racehorses, and it was suggested that they might have a hurdle-race to themselves at Hooton Park, a project which was carried out. The event was a Private Sweepstakes over the usual eight flights. Mr. Reid Walker's Beltenebrosa, a six-year-old, ridden by George Williamson, won by

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a neck from Lady Lightfoot, Sir Peter Walker's St. Evremonde, 4 years, third, two lengths away, and Mr. Barclay Walker's Alcæus, another four-year-old, last. As she had been schooled it was thought as well to give her another chance. She was sent to Ludlow, but finished nowhere for the Ludlow Hurdle Race behind the well-named Centre-Board, a son of Speed and Ballast. Her final attempt was in the Bradmore Maiden Hurdle Race at the Midland Hunt Meeting, where she was a poor third, though starting favourite at 7 to 4; and after this moderate career she was withdrawn from training and sent to the stud.

Whether a horse mainly derives his merit, and it may perhaps be added his demerit, from his sire or his dam is a question which has been disputed from time immemorial. On the one hand are the successful sires who year after year with rare lapses produce notable winners, on the other hand there are mares who seem unable to throw anything but winners with whatever horses they may be mated. We have seen what Prince Palatine is on his paternal side. I have remarked that Footlight was rich in running blood, and should add that she was a daughter of Cremorne, who won the Derby of 1872, and of Paraffin, this mare a daughter of Blair Athol, winner of the Derby in 1864, and of Paradigm. Paraffin was an own sister to Lord Lyon, who won

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the Derby of 1866, their sister being Achievement, one of the most famous mares in racing history. She, Lord Lyon and Paraffin were by Stockwell, and Achievement won the One Thousand Guineas and the St. Leger of 1867, thus following immediately in the footsteps of her brother at Doncaster. It is difficult to imagine a horse better bred than Prince Palatine.

CHAPTER III

PRINCE PALATINE AS A TWO-YEAR-OLD

To breed horses of the highest class and to see them win races carrying the colours of other owners is not an unmitigated joy. It has been the fate of Colonel Hall Walker on more than one occasion. In 1908 he sold all his yearling colts for a sum of 10,000 guineas, an excellent bargain for the purchaser, as they included amongst other winners Charles O'Malley, who ran third to Lemberg and Greenback for the Derby of 1910, beaten a neck and two lengths; and another of the lot sold was Ulster King, a son of Persimmon and Tully Lass, whose victories included the valuable Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket. The name of Minoru will at once occur to readers, but it may be safely assumed that his breeder had no regrets for having leased this colt, seeing that in the Two Thousand Guineas and the Derby which he won he was bearing the colours of the King of England, a unique occurrence in the history of the Turf. A Prince of Wales had, indeed, been victorious at



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Epsom. The ninth Derby was won by Sir Thomas, belonging to the heir to the throne, and it need hardly be repeated that King Edward when Prince of Wales won Derbys with the great brothers, Persimmon in 1896 and Diamond Jubilee in 1900.

In 1909, however, Colonel Hall Walker disposed of all his yearling colts with the one exception of Prince Palatine, who appealed to him so strongly as possessing all the attributes of an exceptional horse that he determined not to let him go. How he came to do so may be briefly related, for it seems needless to describe the business in elaborate detail. Summarising the circumstances, Colonel Hall Walker had to a certain extent confided his interests to an agent, and the breeder of Prince Palatine tells me that he was vastly surprised one day to be told that this agent had sold the colt. He had offered him to Mr. Thomas Pilkington, who was then in search of a good young one, for 2000 guineas. Colonel Hall Walker valued the Prince at something like five times that sum, and was the reverse of gratified on hearing what had taken place. He had some idea, indeed, of declining to recognise the bargain, made as it was without his direct authority; but on enquiring the name of the purchaser he abandoned the idea, feeling that the position of the Turf could not but be considerably strengthened by the accession of a great Lanca-

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shire manufacturer to the ranks of owners. Mr. Pilkington, at the same time, was not absolutely a new-comer. His colours, French grey and cerise hoops and cap, had been registered for many years, and he had bred a number of horses, but nothing of note. He had at length determined to fly high, to obtain possession of a horse who would be likely to make a name for himself, and truly he succeeded! Lancashire, it may be remarked in passing, has been exceptionally well represented of late years in the racing world. Lord Derby has headed the list of winning owners, Sir John Thursby has bred a classic winner in Kennymore, Mr. Hulton's horses have been conspicuous in the classics, Fifinella having won a (substitute) Derby and Oaks, and Mr. Pilkington's name will be ever memorable in the annals of Lancashire sport because of Prince Palatine.

Having obtained undisputed possession of the colt, his owner sent him to be trained by Beardsley at Lambourne, Captain H. B. Purefoy, younger brother of Captain W. B. Purefoy one of the most successful owners of his day, kindly undertaking the management of the animal. Unfortunately records of his trials are unobtainable. Mr. Pilkington never seems to have had copies, or if he ever had he tells me that he has lost them. Captain Purefoy has been unable to supply this deficiency, but I do not

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think they would be particularly instructive. The stable sheltered no other good horse, and I am rather puzzled, indeed, to guess how the form was estimated. Everyone could see, however, that Prince Palatine was quite out of the common, and he was engaged with what on the whole must be recognised as much discretion, put into a certain number of the chief two-year-old events, as also into a few minor races in case he did not fulfil his promise. Thus we find him in the Surbiton Plate of £200 at Hurst Park, and in a £500 race at Manchester. At Ascot he was in the Coventry and a Biennial, but omitted from the New Stakes, and at Newmarket in the autumn he was left out of the Middle Park Plate, but put into the Dewhurst.

The first race for which he could have run, if, that is to say, his engagements had been observed, was the Sandown Park Stud Produce Stakes in the April of 1909, but he missed this and two or three others, being kept in reserve for the Royal meeting. He passed over the Coventry, making his first appearance later on the Tuesday afternoon in the Biennial. There was a strong favourite here in Mr. S. B. Joel's St. Nat, a son of St. Denis and Nathalie, who had given proofs of his capacity and likewise benefited by his experience. St. Nat had been beaten a short head for the Sandown Park Stud Produce Stakes just mentioned, and he had won

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the Caterham Plate, with which proceedings opened on the Derby Day. Only 5 to 4 was offered against him for this Ascot Biennial, which he won by half a length from an American-bred daughter of Hamburg and Lady Frivoles belonging to Mr. Harry Payne Whitney; Prince Palatine, second favourite at 5 to 1, third, a length and a half behind. It was a creditable first performance, for St. Nat was really a brilliant two-year-old, winning six of the seven races he ran during the season, and, as just remarked, coming extremely near to the seventh, while the filly was successful in all the other three races for which she started. Herbert Jones rode Prince Palatine, who, without making any sort of sensation, was recognised as rich in promise.

1910. ASCOT.

1st year of 53rd ASCOT BIENNIAL STAKES of £10 each, with £500 added, of which second recd. 10 per cent. for 2 yr. olds; 5 fur. (112 ents.—£1448).

Mr. Sol. Joel's St. Nat, by St. Denis, 9 st. -	F. Wootton	1
Mr. H. P. Whitney's b. or br.f. by Hamburg —Lady Frivoles, 8 st. 10 lb. - - -	J. H. Martin	2
Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, 9 st. -	H. Jones	3
Sir R. Waldie Griffith's b.c. by Desmond— Cocking Bell, 9 st. - - - - -	J. Williamson	-
Mr. J. B. Joel's Lycaon, 9 st. - - - -	Walter Griggs	-
Lord Michelham's Lousby, 9 st. - - -	C. Trigg	-
Mr. J. A. de Rothschild's Bryony, 9 st. -	F. Fox	-
Mr. J. F. Hallick's Bannockburn, 9 st. -	F. Templeman	-
Sir William Cooper's Latonia, 8 st. 10 lb. -	B. Dillon	-

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Mr. Ernest Dresden's Monte Fiore, 8 st. 10 lb.	B. Lynham	-
Major Eustace Loder's Canvas-back, 8 st. 10 lb.	W. Saxby	-
Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's Lindoiya,		
8 st. 10 lb.	- - - - -	D. Maher
Mr. E. F. Schiff's Laelia, 8 st. 10 lb.	- -	A. Taylor
Mr. W. Hall Walker's Burnt Almond,		
8 st. 10 lb.	- - - - -	Wm. Griggs
Mr. E. A. Wigan's Diableret, 8 st. 10 lb.	-	S. Donoghue
5/4 agst. St. Nat, 5/1 Prince Palatine, 6/1 Lady Frivoles f., 10/1 Lindoiya, Laelia, and Canvas-back. Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths second and third ; Laelia whipped round at the start.		

One may suspect that if anyone had been allowed a choice of the runners in this Biennial he would have had little hesitation in choosing St. Nat. The following season, however, all that St. Nat could do was to win a £500 Plate, while the animal he beat, Prince Palatine, was speedily and surely advancing to eminence.

The colt's second appearance was ambitious. He came out in the National Breeders' Produce Stakes at Sandown, the day after Lemberg and Neil Gow had dead-heated for the Eclipse Stakes five lengths in front of Placidus, who was another of the colts in the lot purchased from Colonel Hall Walker. The Prince's reputation was growing, and he was nearly favourite for this £5000 prize, though finally passed in the market by Mr. Neumann's Cellini, a son of Cyllene and Sirenia, who had been kept specially for the event and had been galloped particularly well at Newmarket. Lord

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Rosebery had a smart filly in the race, Black Potts, who had run second for the Acorn Stakes at Epsom, and would have been more strongly fancied for this Sandown race but for the fact that she had been amiss. I recollect Lord Rosebery confirming the rumour as to her having been off colour, but saying also that "she seemed to be almost herself again," and that she was so received proof from the fact that Cellini only beat her half a length. Prince Palatine ran disappointingly, though in order to get the best out of him Maher had been engaged to ride. He carried a pound overweight, which, however, was not likely to have had any effect on the result. So far as I recall the race Prince Palatine was never dangerous, and finished no nearer than seventh.

1910. SANDOWN PARK.

NATIONAL BREEDERS' PRODUCE STAKES of £5000, of which nominator of winner recd. £300, nominator and owner of second each £200, and nominator and owner of third each £100, by subscription of £1 each; if left in after Jan. 5th, 1909, a further £5; if left in after Oct. 12th, 1909, a further £16; and if left in after Mar. 29th, 1910, a further £21; with £754 added; for 2 yr. olds; 5 fur. (259 ents., viz. 66 at £43, 45 at £22, 54 at £6, and 94 at £1—£4357).

Mr. L. Neumann's Cellini, by Cyllene,				
8 st. 7 lb.	-	-	W. Saxby	1
Lord Rosebery's Black Potts, 7 st. 11 lb.	-	-	F. Fox	2
Major Eustace Loder's Knockfeerna,				
8 st. 4 lb.	-	-	F. Wootton	3
Mr. Barclay Walker's Rhosmarket, 8 st. 12 lb.	-	-	B. Dillon	-

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Mr. H. J. King's Longboat, 8 st. 7 lb.	-	B. Lynham	-
Mr. J. B. Joel's Lycaon, 8 st. 7 lb.	-	Walter Griggs	-
Mr. H. P. Whitney's ch.c. by Persimmon—			
Dame d'Or, 8 st. 7 lb.	-	J. H. Martin	-
Mr. W. Hall Walker's John o' Lorne, 8 st. 7 lb.		Wm. Griggs	-
Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, 8 st. 7 lb.			
(car. 8 st. 8 lb.)	-	D. Maher	-
Mr. N. de Szemere's Sobieski, 8 st. 4 lb.	-	R. Keeble	-
Mr. W. M. G. Singer's ch.c. by Thrush—			
Janitza, 8 st. 4 lb.	-	C. Trigg	-
Lord Carnarvon's Sydmonton, 8 st. 2 lb.	-	W. Higgs	-
Mr. W. Raphael's Sangaree, 8 st. 2 lb.	-	F. Templeman	-
Mr. A Bailey's Dark Simon, 8 st. 2 lb.	-	E. Shaw	-
Mr. D. R. Browning's Arctic Belle, 8 st.	-	H. Stokes	-
Mr. H. P. Nickall's Eton Boy, 8 st.	-	H. Randall	-
Mr. R. Croker's Clonbern, 7 st. 11 lb.	-	J. Doyle	-
Mr. Lionel Robinson's Delilah II., 7 st. 8 lb.		R. Bona	-

11/4 agst. Cellini, 7/2 Prince Palatine, 7/1 Dame d'Or c. and Black Potts, 10/1 Clonbern, 100/7 Knockferna, Sobieski and Sangaree. Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, neck second and third.

Considering the high esteem in which Prince Palatine was held, it is perhaps a little strange to find him taking part in such an unimportant event as the Bedford Plate at Kempton Park. It may have been deemed desirable to provide him with some easy tasks which would have an encouraging effect, and at the August Meeting he went to the post for this humble prize. Those who remember the form of horses during the last few years will perceive that the colt had little to beat, though Mr. Nelke's Wise Gift found supporters, partly no doubt because Wootton, in great form at the time,

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was riding her. The filly, moreover, was not without merit. Not only had she won a couple of races, one of them the Westminster Plate at the Epsom Spring Meeting, but her owner had thought it worth while to send her to the post for the July Cup at Newmarket, a race which always brings out some of the speediest horses in training, and the fact of her having run for it suggested that she could stay the six furlongs, which was the distance of the Bedford Plate. Prince Palatine, however, had things all his own way.

1910. KEMPTON PARK.

BEDFORD PLATE of £120, of which second recd. £10, for 2 yr. olds; entr. £3; 6 fur. on Straight Course (29 ents.—£107).

Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, by			
Persimmon, 8 st. 5 lb. - - - -	S. Donoghue		1
Mr. P. Nelke's Wise Gift, 8 st. 7 lb. - - -	F. Wootton		2
Mr. A. FitzGerald's Brogue, 8 st. 7 lb. - -	H. Pike		3
Lady James Douglas's Hamilton, 8 st. 10 lb.	H. Randall		-
Mrs. Farquharson's Thorndyke, 8 st. 10 lb.	A. Whalley		-
Mr. R. R. Jeffrey's Linggi, 8 st. 7 lb. - -	G. Stephenson		-
Mr. V. P. Misa's 17, 8 st. 7 lb. - - - -	W. Escott		-
Mr. F. S. Barnard's The Policeman, 8 st. 5 lb.	F. Rickaby, Jr.		-
Mr. A. P. Cunliffe's Magnificat, 8 st. 2 lb. -	H. Robbins		-
Mr. J. Musker's b.c. by Black Sand—Ali-			
mony, 8 st. 5 lb. - - - - -	S. Wootton		-
Capt. R. W. Longfield's Miss Santoi, 8 st. 2 lb.	Walter Griggs		-
Mr. R. Mills's Rose of Sharon, 8 st. 2 lb. -	R. Watson		-

11/10 agst. Prince Palatine, 5/2 Wise Gift, 8/1 17, 100/8 Thorn-
dyke. Won by 3 lengths, length second and third.

Before Prince Palatine came to work of import-
ance he had what may perhaps not improperly be

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described as another trial spin at the Newbury September Meeting. It seems unnecessary to add anything to the bare record of the race. None of those who finished behind him did anything of note afterwards.

1910. NEWBURY.

DONNINGTON CASTLE MAIDEN TWO YRS. OLD PLATE of £300, of which second recd. £30, and third £15; entr. £6, or £2 if dec.; 5 fur. (42 ents., viz. 28 at £6 and 14 at £2—£249).

Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, by Persimmon, 9 st. 7 lb. - - - -	F. Wootton	1
Mr. W. Whiteman's b.c. Dilwyn, by Fine Weather—Intrusion, 9 st. - - - -	F. Fox	2
Duke of Westminster's Blind Justice, 8 st. 11 lb. - - - -	H. Randall	3
Mr. H. Hardy's Perseverentia, 9 st. 4 lb. -	W. Earl	-
Mr. A. Bailey's Quetzal, 9 st. - - - -	H. Green	-
Mr. Charles Carroll's Crimson Rambler, 9 st.	W. Higgs	-
Mr. A. FitzGerald's Deluge, 9 st. - - - -	H. Pike	-
Mr. John Powney's b.g. by Mauvezin—Trustworthy, 8 st. 11 lb. - - - -	F. Scourse	-
Mr. P. Nelke's Lucky Slave, 8 st. 11 lb. -	B. Dillon	-
Mr. W. M. G. Singer's b. or br.f. by Hearwood—Guernsey Lily, 8 st. 11 lb. - - - -	Wm. Griggs	-

11/8 on Prince Palatine, 5/1 agst. Blind Justice and Crimson Rambler, 100/8 Lucky Slave. Won by 3 lengths, neck second and third; Lucky Slave and Quetzal dwelt badly at the start.

But in the Imperial Produce Plate at Kempton Park on the 7th of October he was much more severely tested, as was natural from the value of the stake. Here he was running against good winners: Braxted had won his last two races, one

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of them, the Glasgow Nursery at Doncaster, in which he had carried top weight, 9 st., in a field of twenty. Phryxus, like Prince Palatine, a son of Persimmon, was regarded as a colt of good class. Meleager, a son of Eager and Mesange, after a preliminary essay—and “first time out” often means little—had carried off four consecutive races, and after running second for the Convivial Produce Stakes at York, had taken a fifth, the Autumn Breeders’ Foal Stakes at Manchester. Another formidable opponent was Mr. Leopold de Rothschild’s St. Anton, a son of St. Frusquin and that speedy mare Grig. I remember that early in the season Mr. Leopold de Rothschild had told me that he believed himself to be the possessor of two really smart colts in St. Anton and Pietri, another son of St. Frusquin. Thus it will be seen that Prince Palatine really had something to beat. I have refreshed my memory by turning up what I wrote of the race at the time over the signature “Rapier” in the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*, and perhaps may be allowed to quote :

“When we reached the ring after scrutinising the horses in the paddock and making remarks about them—some of which may have been inspirations of genius, others closely verging on the idiotic—we found that Prince Palatine was just about an even money favourite, Wootton being in

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the saddle shortening the odds. It was a sufficiently exciting race, if somewhat less so than Neil Gow's circus performance twelve months previously. How Wootton, who was drawn No. 3, came up on the rails, the place which should have been occupied by No. 10, would require a good deal of explanation. Prince Palatine must be an extraordinarily handy horse to have worked his way in and out as he did; but a furlong from home there he was on the rails as just remarked, and the doubt about Braxted staying receiving full confirmation. The favourite won by a length."

1910. KEMPTON PARK.

IMPERIAL PRODUCE PLATE of £3000, of which nominator of winner recd. £200, nominator of second £100, nominator of third £50, owner of second £200, and owner of third £50; for two yr. olds; entr. £1; if left in after Jan. 5, 1909, a further £5; if left in after Oct. 12, 1909, a further £10; and if left in after Mar. 29, 1910, a further £15. 6 fur. on Straight Course. (183 ents., viz. 57 at £31, 32 at £16, 46 at £6 and 48 at £1—£2569.)

Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, by		
Persimmon, 8 st. 10 lb. - - - -	F. Wootton	1
Sir T. R. Dewar's Braxted, 8 st. 5 lb. - - - -	F. Rickaby, Jr.	2
Mr. L. Neumann's Meleager, 9 st. 1 lb. - - - -	Walter Griggs	3
Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's St. Anton, 9 st. 6 lb. - - - -		-
Mr. Fairie's Phyrxus, 8 st. 10 lb. - - - -	D. Maher	-
Mr. J. H. Houldsworth's Sandal, 8 st. 10 lb. - - - -	J. H. Martin	-
Mr. J. Musker's b.c. by Melton—Ramage, 8 st. 10 lb. - - - -	Wm. Griggs	-
Duke of Portland's Narenta, 8 st. 10 lb. - - - -	H. Jones	-

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Mr. H. G. Fenwick's b.g. by Galoping Lad—

Lady Melrose, 8 st. 2 lb. - - - R. Keeble -
Mr. Lionel Robinson's Delilah II., 7 st. 11 lb. C. Trigg -

5/4 Prince Palatine, 5/1 Phryxus, 7/1 Meleager, 100/12 Braxted, 10/1 St. Anton. Won by a neck, 3 lengths second and third; Lady Melrose gelding dwelt badly at the start.

The colt's sixth and last race as a two-year-old was the Dewhurst Plate, in which he was burdened with a 10 lb. penalty, and according to the general opinion would not beat Lord Derby's King William. This son of William the Third and Glasalt must be set down as a particularly disappointing animal, though he won a number of races, and on this occasion very nearly did what was expected of him. The fact doubtless was that King William, both as a two-year-old and subsequently, did brilliant things in home gallops which he was disinclined to repeat in public. Here he was at once pitched on as favourite, the only other backed in addition to Prince Palatine and Phryxus being Prince San, who had started the season in effective fashion, having won two of his five races and been beaten a short head for the third by Meleager, Phryxus unplaced, for the Fulbourne Stakes at the Newmarket First July. In the Dewhurst the penalty told on Prince Palatine, who, as it struck me, ran with very little dash, the race ending in a dead heat between King William and Phryxus. Mr. Pilkington's colt had, however, handsomely paid his

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way, having accumulated in stakes more than had been given for him, £2925, and, as a matter of course, was worth many times his purchase money.

1910. NEWMARKET.

DEWHURST PLATE of £300 added to a Sweepstakes of £25 each, £15 ft., of which second recd. £100; for 2 yr. olds; entr. £3; last 7 fur. of R.M. (74 ents.—£1352).

Lord Derby's King William, by William the

Third, 8 st. 9 lb. - - - - -	F. Wootton	0
Mr. Fairie's Phryxus, by Persimmon, 8 st. 9 lb.	D. Maher	0
Mr. J. A. de Rothschild's Atmah, 8 st. 7 lb.	F. Fox	3
Mr. J. B. Joel's Lycaon, 8 st. 13 lb. - -	Walter Griggs	4
Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, 9 st. 5 lb.	H. Jones	-
Mr. A. F. Bassett's Prince San, 8 st. 13 lb. -	H. Randall	-
Lord Derby's Bridge of Allan, 8 st. 9 lb. -	F. Rickaby, Jr.	-

(Lord Derby declared to win with King William.)

11/10 agst. King William, 3/1 Prince Palatine, 5/1 Phryxus,
100/12 Prince San. A dead heat, third beaten a neck.

Before closing this chapter I should perhaps explain the reference to Neil Gow. Lord Rosebery's son of Marco and Chelàndry, after winning the National Breeders' Produce Stakes at Sandown, the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Goodwood, and the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, was naturally regarded as a certainty for the Imperial Produce Stakes at Kempton, in which he had only two opponents, Sunningdale, to whom he was giving 17 lb., and Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's Santa Fina. Odds of 3 to 1 were freely laid on Neil Gow, but at the start he not merely swerved, but turned round

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and endeavoured to go in the opposite direction. Maher was on the watch for any of his vagaries, caused him to describe a regular semi-circle in the effort to prevent him from bolting, and he seemed hopelessly out of the race ; for it is a maxim that a horse cannot give away both weight and distance. Neil Gow, however, set off in pursuit, gradually overhauled the leader, Sunningdale, and just got up on the post to win by a short head.

CHAPTER IV

PRINCE PALATINE AS A THREE-YEAR-OLD

THE start of Prince Palatine's three-year-old career was delayed until the second day of the Ascot meeting, June 14th, when he came out for the Biennial. It is to be presumed that he cannot have been ready, or otherwise, notwithstanding that he was giving from 12 lb. to 23 lb. to all his opponents, he would surely have been more fancied than the odds of 10 to 1 against him seem to suggest. Bannockburn, a son of Forfarshire and Rue, the property of Hallick the trainer, had, however, been doing remarkably well. The colt had already won three races this season, and his favouritism here proved to be justified, though it is impossible to doubt that had Prince Palatine been nearly at his best he would very readily have given the weight instead of being beaten by the least possible margin.

1911. ASCOT.

2ND YEAR OF 53RD ASCOT BIENNIAL STAKES of £10 each with £500 added, of which second recd. 10 per cent.; for 3 yr. olds; Old Mile (108 ents.—£1412).

Mr. J. F. Hallick's Bannockburn, by Forfar-

shire, 9 st. - - - - - F. Templeman 1

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Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, 9 st. 12 lb.	S. Donoghue	2
Lord Derby's Persephone, 8 st. 3 lb.	F. Wootton	3
Major E. Loder's Canvas-back, 9 st. 1 lb.	Walter Griggs	-
Lord Rosebery's Filibuster, 9 st.	D. Maher	-
Mr. L. Brassey's St. Bruno, 8 st. 7 lb.	H. Jones	-
Mr. Sol. Joel's Sporty, 8 st. 7 lb.	W. Higgs	-
Lord Falmouth's Mary the Second, 8 st. 3 lb.	F. Rickaby	-
Capt. F. Forester's Iliia, 8 st. 3 lb.	E. Piper	-

11/4 agst. Bannockburn, 4/1 Persephone, 6/1 Mary the Second, 7/1 Iliia, 8/1 Filibuster, St. Bruno and Sporty, 10/1 Prince Palatine, 100/7 Canvas-back. Won by a head, two lengths second and third.

Still more remarkable was his failure in the Midsummer Stakes at the Newmarket Second July. That Mushroom could give him 10 lb. seemed utterly preposterous, notwithstanding that Mr. T. Baring's son of Common and Quick was really a very good horse. He had easily won the City and Suburban with 7 st., a considerable weight for a three-year-old, and had followed on by beating Charles O'Malley and others for the March Stakes. But Prince Palatine was considered far his superior. I have no doubt the true explanation is that so short a distance as a mile did not enable him to display his unquestionable merit. He was a slow beginner, Mushroom was accustomed to jump off and at once get into his stride. Prince Palatine was never really balanced in this Midsummer Stakes, and though he was rapidly overtaking the leader, Mushroom just managed to squeeze home by half a

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length. I remember one of the soundest judges of racing remarking to me when the horses were at the post that he should not be surprised if Prince Palatine were beaten. The idea seemed absurd to me, but the argument that Mushroom was sure to dart swiftly away from the gate, and Prince Palatine might have trouble to get on terms with him, proved to be curiously correct.

1911. NEWMARKET.

MIDSUMMER STAKES, £10 each starter, with £500 added, of which second recd. £50; for 3 yr. olds; entr. £10, or £5 if dec.; B.M. (41 ents., viz. 34 at £10 and 7 at £5—£460).

Mr. T. Baring's Mushroom, by Common, 9 st. 3 lb. - - - - - F. Rickaby	1
Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, 8 st. 7 lb. S. Donoghue	2
Mr. J. B. Thorneycroft's Automatic, 8 st. 2 lb. J. Clark	3

11/8 on Prince Palatine, 6/4 agst. Mushroom. Won by ½ length, 4 lengths second and third.

The Newmarket catastrophe created so considerable an effect that when the Prince came out at Goodwood for the Gordon Stakes, surprising as it appears at the present time, Mr. Fairie's Phryxus was favourite, slight odds being laid on him, notwithstanding that he was giving Prince Palatine 7 lb. The distance, a mile and a half, was far more suitable to the Prince than the Bunbury Mile. At Goodwood he had time to get on his legs, and the race was never in doubt; the three lengths by

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which he won might have been very largely extended.

1911. GOODWOOD.

GORDON STAKES of £1000, of which second recd. £50, by subscription of £21, £11 if dec. by March 28, 1911, or £1 if dec. by March 29, 1910, with £102 added; for three yr. olds; 1½ m. (68 ents., viz. 25 at £21, 33 at £11 and 10 at £1—£929.)

Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, by		
Persimmon, 9 st. 7 lb. - - - -	S. Donoghue	1
Mr. Fairie's Phryxus, 10 st. - - - -	D. Maher	2
Mr. Arthur James's Persephone, 8 st. 4 lb.	F. Wootton	3
Lord Falmouth's Invicta, 8 st. 11 lb. - -	H. Jones	-

11/10 on Phryxus, 11/4 agst. Prince Palatine, 4/1 Persephone.
Won by three lengths, six lengths second and third.

The St. Leger was to show what sort of a horse Prince Palatine really was. His admirers expressed the utmost confidence in him, the more so as it was felt that he would be precisely suited by the course; but the deceptive King William was a strong favourite, notwithstanding that, critically examined, he had really not done much. This statement may seem odd in view of the circumstance that of the six races in which he had taken part he had won four. But his victories were of small significance. He had beaten Phryxus in the Ascot Derby, which was something, but in the Zetland Plate two very moderate animals, Helicon and Mary the Second, had only opposed him; at Liverpool the Knowsley

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Dinner Stakes had been a match, and in the Duke of York's Stakes at York he again had no more than one to beat, an unworthy son of Persimmon named Longboat, of whom so little was thought that odds of 25 to 1 were laid on King William. Prior to the Princess of Wales's Stakes I think I may give it as a fact that, amazing as it may now appear, King William had beaten his owner's Swynford in a trial. I chanced to meet Lord Derby at St. Pancras Station the day after the Princess of Wales's Stakes, which he had not been able to see, and told him that I had backed King William, to which he replied that there had been every justification for doing so, though it will be seen that Swynford was the better favourite. It is now plain that Prince Palatine at this period was nothing like adequately appreciated, or Lycaon would not have been in anything like equal demand at Doncaster. I may frankly confess, indeed, that at the time I by no means realised that Prince Palatine was a really great horse. I had not lost belief in King William, for the reason that I knew how highly Mr. George Lambton regarded him. Turning back again to my Circular Notes, I find the following comment on the Leger: "I was wrong, it must be admitted, in my belief in King William. If anything beat him I thought it would certainly be Prince Palatine, but I did not think anything would, that is to say I only entertained

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such faith as led to 'saving' on Mr. Pilkington's colt and having a little extra nibble at him after a chat with his owner, who expresses himself in sober terms which mean a great deal more than the unlimited confidence of some men who tell you that their horses 'can't be beat.' All the same I was steadied by Mr. Pilkington's observation that his colt 'had not been doing what is called an old-fashioned, orthodox preparation,' but as to this the result surely proved that Prince Palatine had done just the preparation which best suited him. 'Did you ever see a Leger won more easily?' I was asked, and I do not think I ever did. In a canter by six lengths was the verdict."

1911. DONCASTER.

ST. LEGER STAKES of £6500 (including for nominator of winner) with £400 for second and £200 for third, by subscription of £50 each, h. ft., or £5 if dec. with £1150 added; for three yr. olds, entire colts and fillies; colts 9 st., fillies 8 st. 11 lb. Old St. Leger Course, about 1 mile 6 fur. 132 yds. (310 ents., viz. 8 at £50, 202 at £25 and 100 at £5—£6450.)

Mr. T. Pilkington's b.c. Prince Palatine, by Persimmon, 9 st.	- - - -	F. O'Neill	1
Mr. J. B. Joel's b.c. Lycaon, 9 st.	- - - -	G. Stern	2
Lord Derby's b.c. King William, 9 st.	- - - -	F. Wootton	3
Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's b.c. Pietri, 9 st.	- - - -	D. Maher	-
Mr. J. A. de Rothschild's b.f. Atmah, 8 st. 11 lb.	- - - - - -	F. Fox	-
Mr. W. Brodrick Cloete's ch.c. Cherry King, 9 st.	- - - - - -	H. Jones	-

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Mr. H. J. King's ch.c. Longboat, 9 st. - F. Winter -
Mr. W. Raphael's b.c. Beaurepaire, 9 st. - F. Rickaby -

6/4 agst. King William, 100/30 Lycaon and Prince Palatine,
10/1 Pietri, 100/6 Atmah, 33/1 Beaurepaire, 66/1 Cherry King
and Longboat. Won by 6 lengths, 3 lengths second and third.

I may here interpolate a paragraph not strictly on the subject of racing. In the comments quoted I have spoken of a chat with the owner. As a matter of fact I had never at that time had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Pilkington, and I may explain how the mistake arose, as an illustration of how such things occasionally do happen. It is the custom for a trainer or the manager of a stable to speak of an animal in it as "my horse." Captain Purefoy, who, as already remarked, looked after Prince Palatine, had on several occasions talked to me about the Leger winner, using the accustomed phraseology, and I concluded that Prince Palatine was his property, and that for some reason he ran in an assumed name. One afternoon at the Junior Carlton Club Mr. Pilkington was good enough to come and speak to me, smilingly remarking that he was glad to meet me, though he had read that we had more than once been in conversation. I do not know why I associated him with Prince Palatine, but the truth vaguely dawned upon me, and I realised his identity.

There is so much prejudice in estimating the merit of horses, and especially the most distin-

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guished, that universal agreement as to the rank of recent Leger winners is not to be expected. They, of course, differ vastly in capacity; thus one could only speculate vaguely on the amount of weight that Ormonde would have been able to give to Night Hawk had they been contemporaries. My inclination would be to rank Prince Palatine with La Flèche, Isinglass, Persimmon, Flying Fox, Sceptre, Pretty Polly, Bayardo and Swynford. It is conceivable that some of these would have beaten him; I think it beyond doubt that Prince Palatine would most readily have beaten the majority of Leger winners of the last forty years.

The colt was to make one more essay as a three-year-old, in the Kingsclere Stakes at Newbury, a course which, first used in the autumn of 1906, at once acquired exceptional popularity, and obtained a position which few race meetings enjoy. It happened that in this race Prince Palatine for the first time met Lord Derby's Stedfast, with whom his career was afterwards so closely associated, for they were found in opposition on no fewer than four occasions in events of primary importance. It is necessary, therefore, to dwell at some length on Lord Derby's son of Chaucer and Be Sure.

That a good deal was thought of this colt is evident from the manner in which he was entered as a two-year-old, for his name is found in the New

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Stakes at Ascot, the Champagne at Doncaster, the Dewhurst Plate at Newmarket, though, on the other hand, he was omitted from the Middle Park Plate, which has been called the "Two-Year-Old Derby," and from a few other races in which one would have expected to find him. He did not make his first appearance until the 28th September, when he came out in a Two-Year-Old Plate at the Newmarket First October Meeting, and it is not without significance that he is absent from the betting quotations. It may be presumed that he was too backward to render his success probable; but he finished third, and the race brought him on so considerably that a fortnight later he won the Prendergast Stakes from Wrinkler, a smart colt belonging to the Duke of Portland. Wrinkler was giving him 9 lb., but the race shows that Stedfast was coming to himself. A week later he easily won the Hook Two-Year-Old Maiden Plate at Sandown, and subsequently, with odds of 5 to 1 on him, the Witherslack Plate at Liverpool. As a three-year-old his performances may be described as brilliant. Again at Liverpool, it must be inferred that he was not ready for the Union Jack Stakes, as odds of 7 to 1 were offered against him in a field of four, but then he speedily came to hand, and I have always been strongly of opinion that if he had not absolutely beaten Mr. J. B. Joel's Sunstar for the Two Thousand Guineas

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it would at any rate have been an exceedingly near thing. Though he had the skilful assistance of F. Wootton it may almost be said that he was left at the post ; he certainly lost much ground at the start, and precisely the same thing happened in the Derby. At Epsom he was ridden by Lynham, very far from a bad jockey, but scarcely one of the very best, and most if not all the other five and twenty runners were well away before he left the post. He was beaten two lengths, precisely the same distance as in the Two Thousand Guineas. It appears that I was not singular in my opinion of Stedfast. Some accounts of the Derby state that Sunstar broke down some distance from home and finished on three legs. I have not the slightest desire to depreciate Sunstar, who was beyond question a horse of very high rank, and who is most deservedly earning fame at the stud. Between him and Stedfast, however, I shall always hold that there was very little to choose. Lord Derby's colt with odds of 5 to 1 on him cantered away with the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Ascot, and the following day had no difficulty in beating Cellini and St. Anton for the St. James's Palace Stakes. With odds of 6 to 1 on him he beat St. Nat, giving him 8 lb., for the Atlantic Stakes at Liverpool, and with odds of 25 to 1 on him he won the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood. For the Great Yorkshire Stakes,

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in which he was opposed by Pietri, whose name is mentioned on a previous page, and Sir John Thursby's Athelstan, a son of John o' Gaunt and Lady Disdain, Stedfast started at 7 to 1 on. Nothing ventured to oppose him for the Doncaster Stakes, and in the Jockey Club Stakes, a race worth £7841, he beat Lemberg by no less a distance than four lengths, Mr. Fairie's colt, however, carrying a 12 lb. penalty which Stedfast escaped. He had thus, it will be seen, won seven consecutive races before opposing Prince Palatine for the Kingsclere Stakes. Here Mr. Pilkington's horse had a penalty of 7 lb., making his weight 9 st. 10 lb., against Stedfast's 9 st. 3 lb.

I may recur to my *Sporting and Dramatic* "Circular Notes," written when the race was fresh in my memory :

"How nearly opinions were divided between the two three-year-olds in the Kingsclere Stakes is proved by the betting. I was going to say it could not have been nearer, but of course it might have been 11 to 10 on one and against the other, whereas it was the least fraction more, 12 to 10 on Stedfast and against the Prince. I do not think either side was confident, and so far as I could make out very little money was betted on the result. Personally I was so undecided that I

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avoided speculation. I once fancied that I was almost alone in the belief that Stedfast ought to have won the Derby, but I see a writer in the *Sporting Chronicle*, for whose opinion I have long entertained the greatest respect, strongly supports this view, and there are others who agree with him. Here, then, we had a practical Derby winner, so to describe the son of Chaucer and Be Sure, against an actual Leger winner, and one, moreover, who had taken the Doncaster race with unsurpassable if not absolutely unprecedented ease. It was the 7 lb. on which everything turned. At even weights I should have backed Prince Palatine, and should apparently have profited by the transaction, for surely less than 7 lb. would have turned the scale. I seldom talk to present-day jockeys, because some of them tell such contradictory stories, not even giving the same account of a race to the owner and trainer of the horse on whom they have been beaten, and not a few of them really do not seem to know what has happened in the course of the contest. Someone told me, however, that Maher was not particularly pleased with his own performance on Prince Palatine, and thought that if he had adopted a different plan of campaign, waiting a bit longer apparently and coming with one run, he might just have got home."

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1911. NEWBURY.

KINGSLERE STAKES of £1000, of which second recd. £100, and third £50, by subscription of £21, £11 if dec. by March 28, 1911, or £1 if dec. by March 29, 1910, with £190 added; for three yr. olds; 1¼ m. (70 ents., viz. 24 at £21, 26 at £11 and 20 at £1—£829.)

Lord Derby's Stedfast, by Chaucer, 9 st. 3 lb. F. Wootton	1
Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, 9 st. 10 lb. D. Maher	2
Duke of Portland's Narenta, 9 st. 3 lb. - H. Jones	3

6/5 on Stedfast, 6/5 agst. Prince Palatine. Won by ½ length, bad third.

The two races Prince Palatine had won were worth £7379, to which should be added £290 for his three seconds.

CHAPTER V

PRINCE PALATINE AS A FOUR-YEAR-OLD

PRINCE PALATINE'S first appearance as a four-year-old was made in the Coronation Cup at Epsom, a race which has almost invariably been contested by horses of the highest class. The Derby on Wednesday and the Oaks on Friday formerly made the off-day on Thursday seem somewhat unattractive, and in the middle of the last century a race called the Epsom Cup, for three-year-olds and upwards, run over the Derby course, was inaugurated. This continued for many years, when for some reason it ceased to be popular, and in place of it was substituted the Epsom Grand Prize of £1000 added to a sweepstakes of £25 each, £10 forfeit, for three-year-olds, distance a mile and a quarter—what is known as the City and Suburban Course.

This was for a while a favourite event with owners; for the race in 1887 there were 201 subscriptions, but for some reason it waned, as certain stakes unaccountably will do. For a period

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the entry was extended to three-year-olds and upwards, and became the Epsom Cup for horses of all ages, over, of course, two years, distance a mile and a half. It is difficult to say why this did not please owners, but that it was so is shown by the fact that in 1899 there were only a couple of runners, the Colonial bred six-year-old Newhaven II., who had won the City and Suburban at the Spring Meeting, having only to beat Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's five-year-old Jacquemart. This event waned, in 1902 the Coronation Cup was started, and though much on the lines of the Epsom Cup in its later days, a mile and a half for three-year-olds and upwards, the race was at once firmly established. Fields have indeed always been small—twice there have been only three runners and never more than nine—but the competitors have with very few exceptions been remarkably select. In the first year Volodyovski, who had won the Derby of the previous season, was beaten by Lord Wolverton's Osboch, with Mr. George Edwardes's Ascot Cup winner, Santoi, third. The following year Mr. Heinemann's Valenza took the prize from Colonel Harry M'Calmont's good colt Rising Glass. If Valenza was perhaps not the equal of other Coronation Cup winners she may correctly be described as a good mare, and at the stud has produced a worthy son in Lord

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Carnarvon's Valens. The Coronation Cup was the only race she won during the season. After her, however, come great names. Zinfandel, an Ascot Cup winner, was victorious in 1904, Pretty Polly the two following years, and then again in 1907 and 1908 a dual Gold Cup winner in The White Knight. Dean Swift, who was so extraordinarily successful at Epsom, where he won the City and Suburban twice and also the Durdans Plate over the same course, secured the Coronation Cup in 1909, followed by Colonel Hall Walker's White Eagle and Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's Santo Strato, Colonel E. W. Baird's Leger winner Wool Winder unplaced. In 1910 Sir Martin, who had been favourite for Minoru's Derby, in the course of which he fell, made some amends for that defeat, beating Bachelor's Double, Louviers, who had run Minoru to a short head for the Derby, Dean Swift and the Gold Cup winner Bomba amongst others. Mr. Fairie's Derby winner Lemberg beat no less a horse than Swynford in 1911, Bachelor's Double third, and behind them the then Lord Villiers's Greenback, and Mr. A. P. Cunliffe's Charles O'Malley, second and third for Lemberg's Derby, together with Mr. J. A. de Rothschild's Bronzino, who had only been beaten a head by Swynford for the Leger. These are great names, and the nature of the race will be understood.

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That Prince Palatine should have been favourite was natural. Stedfast in receipt of 7 lb., as described in the last chapter, had beaten him half a length for the Kingsclere Stakes, which, according to ordinary calculation, made Mr. Pilkington's colt fully 4 lb. the better. Of the other runners the fact that 5 to 1 was offered against Mr. Baring's Mushroom on a course over which he had specially distinguished himself by winning the City and Suburban as a three-year-old with 7 stone afforded proof of the conviction that the running in the Midsummer Stakes the previous summer might be altogether disregarded. Charles O'Malley was also at 5 to 1; and Willonyx had only beaten him a neck for the Ascot Cup. Odds of 8 to 1 were offered against Mr. J. R. Keene's Castleton, and in the circumstances they appear to be unduly short, for though this American-bred son of Peter Pan and Mintcake was a colt of extraordinary speed he had never shown ability to stay a mile and a half, indeed it was strongly doubted by most people that he could do so. A mile was understood to be his limit. Prince Palatine was favourite at 2 to 1, followed in the market by Stedfast, 11 to 4, and I think it may be said that Prince Palatine was beaten at the fall of the flag. The statement that he "dwelt at the start and lost ground" is taken from the *Racing Calendar*. My comment at the time ran, "When I saw Stedfast,

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who was grown into a beautiful horse, I was inclined to regret my expression of opinion in favour of the other, and then looking over Prince Palatine I found cause to doubt whether I was not wrong after all. Stedfast, who had been accustomed as already described to begin slowly, here jumped off as soon as the gate was raised; Prince Palatine hung and lost from four to eight lengths, perhaps it might be put down correctly as six."

1912. EPSOM.

CORONATION CUP, a Gold Cup value £200 and £1000 in specie, added to a Sweepstakes of £20 each, or £5 if dec., with £100 added for second and £50 for third; for three yr. olds and upwards; Derby Course, about 1½ m. (22 ents., viz. 20 at £20 and 2 at £5—£1590.)

Lord Derby's Stedfast, by Chaucer, 4 yrs., 9 st. 3 lb. - - - - -	F. Rickaby	1
Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, 4 yrs., 9 st. 3 lb. - - - - -	F. O'Neill	2
Mr. T. Baring's Mushroom, 4 yrs., 9 st. 3 lb.	F. Wootton	3
Mr. T. Lewis's Charles O'Malley, 5 yrs., 9 st. 6 lb. - - - - -	G. Stern	-
Mr. J. R. Keene's Castleton, 3 yrs., 7 st. 7 lb.	C. Foy	-

2/1 agst. Prince Palatine, 11/4 Stedfast, 5/1 Mushroom and Charles O'Malley, 8/1 Castleton. Won by ¾ length, three lengths second and third; Prince Palatine dwelt at the start and lost ground.

Mr. Pilkington's great object this season was to win the Ascot Cup, which has so frequently enabled classic winners, as a familiar phrase goes, "to set the seal on their reputation." Prince Palatine had

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won, and that with consummate ease, the only classic for which he had started—his name had been omitted from the entry for the Two Thousand Guineas, and though he was engaged in the Derby he was not ready to run. The entries for the Gold Cup in 1912 numbered no fewer than forty-one, an altogether exceptional figure, but only seven went to the post. The general opinion was that if anything beat Prince Palatine it would be the French mare Basse Pointe. There was something to be said for Charles O'Malley, that something being that, as already noted, he had run Willonyx to a neck twelve months previously, and this had naturally come to be regarded as a notable achievement when Willonyx carried off the Cesarewitch with 9 st. 5 lb., a weight which had never before been borne successfully. A three-year-old filly called Bill and Coe, a daughter of William the Third and Coee, also found supporters; for, notwithstanding that she had made no particular show prior to the Ascot Meeting in a Three-Year-Old Handicap at Kempton, or in the One Thousand Guineas, there were supposed to be great possibilities about her. The general impression, however, was that the race was something in the nature of a match between Prince Palatine and the French mare, a daughter of Simonian and Basse Terre, who shortly before coming to England had won a couple of good races at Longchamps.

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Cherry King, belonging to Mr. Brodrick Cloete (a victim of the Lusitania), Mr. Fairie's King Midas, and Mr. F. Jay Gould's Combourg added to the spectacle as the horses walked and cantered before going to the start, but otherwise it was held that these scarcely counted. My comments in the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News* may be appended. I had dealt with the earlier events of the day and continued :

“After this came the Cup, seven starters, the greater half of whom, as it seemed, might safely be counted out; indeed, most of us made out the race to be a match between Prince Palatine and Basse Pointe. There were rumours to the effect that the filly had not fed up since her arrival in England. If they were true, her latest meals in France must have been of a very sustaining quality, for she looked remarkably well. I went over to Paris last year to see her win the Prix du Conseil Municipal, and was mightily impressed by the spectacle. She beat a five-year-old named Melbourne really without exerting herself; and I happen to know something about this horse; for a friend had asked me some time previously to ascertain whether he was purchasable. His French owner would not put a price upon him; he was not for sale, however tempting an offer might be made. He had won six of the previous seven races for



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The finish

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which he had started during the season, and here was the filly giving him the year, sex and a trifle over 17 lb. ! I have a great admiration for Prince Palatine, but was by no means convinced that he could beat such a mare as this, especially with such an artist as Stern on her back. It had seemed natural to suppose, as she is said to stay for ever, that something would have been found to make the running, and that she would have been well up, instead of which, for about a mile and a half she was last ; but I am far from criticising the plan of action, because it may be very safely assumed that Stern and her trainer knew pretty well what they were doing, and did what was best.

“ Turning into the straight, Basse Pointe had made her way towards, but a good long distance from, the front. She has little speed, however, and Prince Palatine is strikingly gifted in this important respect. It is very seldom indeed that one has ever seen any horse put on a spurt when he has been galloping for over two miles at a really strong pace. This Prince Palatine did, and it mightily raised my admiration for him. I shall have something to say presently about the First July Meeting at Newmarket next week, but may incidentally express a very strong opinion to the effect that he is sure to win the Princess of Wales's Stakes, for which I am told he is to run. After that he will take on Stedfast in

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the Eclipse, which will be quite another matter. Stedfast, I fancy, has the better speed, and if Wootton rides him it is very much on the cards that he may beat the Gold Cup winner. This, however, is rather diving into the future, and we shall have another opportunity of discussing the Eclipse. Bill and Coo put up a very good performance in finishing within a length of the French mare. My impression was that Stern might have increased the gap, that is to say, that he might have beaten Bill and Coo by a greater distance had he chosen; but there was no reason why he should, as the other four were a long way behind, and the £300 for third safe. We are always delighted to see French competitors, but if the owner of Combourg had any hopes of lifting the Cup he must have been very sanguine."

1912. ASCOT.

GOLD CUP value £500, with £3500 in specie, added to a Sweepstakes of £20 each, h. ft., of which second recd. £700 and third £300; for entire colts and fillies, three yr. olds and upwards; 2½ m., starting at the Cup Post and going once round. (42 ents.—£3470.)

Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, by Persimmon, 4 yrs., 9 st.	- - - -	F. O'Neill	1
M. E. de St. Alary's Basse Pointe, 5 yrs., 9 st. 1 lb.	- - - -	G. Stern	2
Mr. Lionel Robinson's Bill and Coo, 3 yrs., 7 st. 4 lb.	- - - -	S. Donoghue	3
Mr. W. Brodrick Cloete's Cherry King, 4 yrs., 9 st.	- - - -	F. Winter	-



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Leading in Prince Palatine. F. O'Neill up

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Mr. T. Lewis's Charles O'Malley, 5 yrs.,
 9 st. 4 lb. - - - - - F. Hunter -
 Mr. Fairie's King Midas, 5 yrs., 9 st. 4 lb. - F. Wootton -
 Mr. F. Jay Gould's Combourg, 4 yrs., 9 st. M. McGee -
 2/1 agst. Prince Palatine, 3/1 Basse Pointe, 5/1 Charles
 O'Malley, 11/2 Bill and Co, 100/7 Combourg and King Midas.
 Won by five lengths, length second and third.

As a rule Prince Palatine had every advantage which jockeyship could confer, and for the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket, which came a fortnight after the Gold Cup, the colt was ridden by F. Wootton. It really appeared to me that he was practically walking over. I could not understand why longer odds were not laid on him than the 5 to 2 at which he closed, and particularly why the other runners received any support. Three of the nine were mentioned in the market, Balblair 9 to 1, Fantasio 100 to 9, Lorenzo 100 to 7; 20 to 1 was offered against the other six. Of course there was £500 for the second, supposing that he were nominated by his owner, as horses usually are in these stakes, and a couple of hundred compensation for the third. It looked as if the half dozen forlorn hopes were sent to the post on the off chance of picking up something by following Prince Palatine home. I fancy the catastrophe, for so the result of the race may be described, occurred by reason of Wootton's invincible and invariable determination to be on the rails. As I recall the race he was vainly

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trying to get through rather more than a hundred yards from home and failed to do so, Major Eustace Loder's Lance Chest, one of the apparently impossible half dozen, beating him by a length and a half! Of course the form was ludicrously wrong, but there was no ground for finding fault with the verdict. If jockeys will run risks they must abide by the consequences, and owners must suffer.

1912. NEWMARKET.

PRINCESS OF WALES'S STAKES of £30 each, h. ft. or £3 if dec. with £2000 added, of which owner of second recd. £300 and owner of third £200, nominator of winner £300 and nominator of second £200; for three and four yr. olds; Suffolk Stakes Course, 1½ m. (171 ents. £3 ft. dec. for 61—£3253.)

Major Eustace Loder's Lance Chest, by		
Spearmint, 3 yrs., 8 st. 8 lb. - - -	Walter Griggs	1
Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, 4 yrs.,		
10 st. 4 lb. - - - - -	F. Wootton	2
Mr. W. Hall Walker's Fantasio, 3 yrs.,		
8 st. 1 lb. - - - - -	E. Wheatley	3
Lord Derby's King William, 4 yrs., 9 st. 12 lb.		F. Rickaby -
M. M. Calmann's L'Enseigne, 4 yrs.,		
8 st. 13 lb. - - - - -	J. Clark	-
Mr. C. Bower Ismay's Balblair, 3 yrs.,		
8 st. 8 lb. - - - - -	W. Saxby	-
Mr. P. Nelke's Cylba, 3 yrs., 8 st. 1 lb. -		A. Whalley -
Mr. A. F. Basset's St. Edgar, 3 yrs., 8 st. 1 lb.		J. H. Martin -
Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's Lorenzo, 3 yrs.,		
8 st. 1 lb. - - - - -	C. Trigg	-
Mr. W. Raphael's Feu de Joie, 3 yrs., 8 st. 11 lb.		H. Jones -
5/2 on Prince Palatine, 9/1 agst. Balblair, 100/9 Fantasio, 100/7 Lorenzo, 20/1 others (offered). Won by 1½ lengths, three lengths second and third.		

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A fortnight later came the Eclipse, and for the third time Prince Palatine and Stedfast were in opposition, carrying even weights. The only other one who was supposed to count in the race among the half dozen who went to the post was Mr. Walter Raphael's Tagalie, who found admirers on the ground that she had won the Derby—at the time it was, of course, impossible to judge precisely what had been the strength of the opposition—and obviously could have won the Oaks had she been pleased to do so. The idea was that Prince Palatine would have been better suited by a longer course than the Sandown mile and a quarter, rendered easy, moreover, by the bends round which horses have a moment of comparative respite, and no one could have been surprised to find that odds, and somewhat long ones, 13 to 8, were laid on Lord Derby's colt, whilst as much as 5 to 1 was procurable about Prince Palatine, Tagalie intervening. The two rivals came up the hill together, the one thing unmistakable being that there was little in it, and a more exciting finish than that which resulted is scarcely conceivable. Maher, riding Stedfast, was on the rails, with, it must be admitted, very little room, the French jockey O'Neill on Prince Palatine as nearly as possible touching him. It may possibly be that they did actually touch, and so they passed the post, no one except the Judge being able to say what had happened.

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“ All due credit must be given to Prince Palatine,” I wrote at the time, “ for the resolution with which he struggled. Many of the Persimmons are shifty ; no colt could have run more gamely than did the Prince, who got his head in front, lost and then regained his advantage. It was evident that Maher was badly hampered at the finish, but all my neighbours seemed to share my conviction that Stedfast had got home, and we were amazed to see ‘ No. 2 ’ hoisted above the Judge’s box. Nothing could have been more significant than what immediately happened. Backers and layers entertained no sort of doubt that an objection was inevitable. I am told that at one time more than 2 to 1 was laid on Stedfast getting the race. I was offered 5 to 4 against Prince Palatine when I went to the rails to see what was being done. Lord Derby, however, scarcely hesitated. Maher certainly appeared to have been prevented from winning, and I think there can be little doubt that if an objection had been laid Stedfast would have got the race, but his owner rapidly concluded that it would be unsportsmanlike to endeavour to disturb the verdict, and so the affair ended. Backers of Stedfast did not very cordially approve of this chivalrous attitude, and it was not to be expected that they would do so, but it is, nevertheless, admirable.”

I proceeded to comment on the fact that the

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bay colt and the chestnut were apparently inseparable.

“One thing about the Eclipse Stakes is that it leaves the question as between Stedfast and Prince Palatine more interesting than ever. Many people will only look at actual results, without considering circumstances. Prince Palatine beat Stedfast a head, and those people will therefore back him to do the same thing next time the two meet, inspired, moreover, by the fact that last autumn, in the Kingsclere Stakes at Newbury, the Prince did come out some 4 lb. the better of the two. This is, of course, ignoring the Coronation Cup at Epsom, when Stedfast beat the Prince, notwithstanding that the son of Chaucer was ridden by Rickaby, who is obviously not nearly man enough for the colt—it was quite a melancholy spectacle to watch the jockey kicking and scuffling when Stedfast carried him home last month in the Royal Stakes at the Newbury Meeting. I have not seen it noted, by the way, how precisely the form of Prince Palatine and Lycaon came out. In the Leger Lycaon was six lengths behind Prince Palatine, and he was behind precisely the same distance in the Eclipse. It is rather odd to observe how often Stedfast and Prince Palatine have made the same journeys to various meetings. At Ascot last year Stedfast ran on the Tuesday, Prince Palatine next day. The former won the Sussex Stakes

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at Goodwood, the latter the Gordon Stakes. Both then went to Doncaster—the Prince won the Leger, Lord Derby's colt the Doncaster Stakes—after which they met at Newbury. They continue to revolve in the same orbits—if that is anything like a correct astrological expression—but touching only on occasions. They did touch at Epsom in the Coronation Cup, then both went to Ascot, where the Prince took the Gold Cup, Stedfast the Hardwicke next afternoon, and so to Sandown.

“When will they meet next? These are not the days of matches, but what a race it would be if the two ran against each other at Newmarket, each being allowed a pacemaker! They must, of course, compete on equal terms to settle the point decisively, and they would not do so at Liverpool, at the meeting in progress as this paper is published, Stedfast's breeding allowance giving him a 7 lb. pull. In the Jockey Club Stakes Stedfast has 9 lb. the better of it; but in the Champion Stakes and the Jockey Club Cup, one a mile and a quarter, that is Across the Flat, the other a mile further, they could meet at evens. We can only hope that both will start for these races, for their antagonism would be memorable, and we should know all about their speed and their staying powers. I only talked of a match because, though King William—if he is of real use for the purpose—could go to the post with Stedfast in the Champion Stakes,

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Mr. Pilkington has nothing entered to help Prince Palatine. I imagine that each owner is convinced of the superiority of his colt, for though I think that Captain Purefoy expected to be beaten at Sandown, the race of last week may have induced him to alter his views. No event on the Turf could be more exciting than a fourth meeting between the chestnut and the bay. Thus far Stedfast has two races to his credit, the Prince one, which probably a large majority of people are convinced should have gone the other way; against which, however, is to be set the circumstance that when they met for the first time the Prince was giving 7 lb., and did not receive a 7 lb. beating. How would the ring bet? My idea is that backers would have to lay a shade of odds on Stedfast."

1912. SANDOWN PARK.

25TH RENEWAL OF THE ECLIPSE STAKES of £10,000, of which owner of second recd. £900, of third £150; nominator of winner £500 and nominator of second £100; by subscription of £5 each for three yr. olds, or £10 for four yr. olds; if left in after March 29, 1910, a further £21 for 4 yr. olds; and if left in after Oct. 11, 1910, a further £21 for 3 yr. olds; and if left in after March 28, 1911, a further £34 for 3 yr. olds, or £32 for 4 yr. olds; and if left in after Jan. 2, 1912, a further £55 for 3 yr. olds, or £52 for 4 yr. olds; with £2120 added; Eclipse Stakes Course, 1¼ m. (174 ents., viz. 30 at £115, 18 at £63, 22 at £60, 40 at £31, 16 at £26, 16 at £10 and 32 at £5—£8735.)

Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, by		
Persimmon, 4 yrs., 10 st. - - -	-	F. O'Neill 1
Lord Derby's Stedfast, 4 yrs., 10 st. - - -	-	D. Maher 2

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Mr. J. B. Joel's Lycaon, 4 yrs., 9 st. 11 lb. -	F. Wootton	3
Mr. W. Hall Walker's John Amendall, 3 yrs., 8 st. 10 lb. - - - - -	T. Price	-
M. San-Miguel's La Bohême II., 4 yrs., 9 st. 8 lb. - - - - -	F. Sharpe	-
Mr. W. Raphael's Tagalie, 3 yrs., 8 st. 13 lb.	J. Reiff	-
Mr. Fairie's Silesia, 3 yrs., 8 st. 3 lb. - -	C. Foy	-
Lord Derby's King William, 4 yrs., 9 st. 11 lb.	F. Rickaby	-

(Lord Derby declared to win with Stedfast.)

13/8 on Stedfast, 9/2 agst. Tagalie, 5/1 Prince Palatine,
10/1 Lycaon, 33/1 Silesia, 100/1 La Bohême II., 150/1 King
William. Won by a short head, 6 lengths second and third.

I have one brief comment to add on the foregoing. Rickaby is severely criticised. His career has been not a little remarkable. As a boy he rapidly acquired the art of jockeyship and won a considerable number of races, maintaining a good average. Then he seemed to lose his riding altogether, but happily he recovered it, and is at the time of writing, as he has been for the last three or four years, one of the most capable of contemporary horsemen. I am inclined to regard him on the whole as at present inferior to none of his profession.

Prince Palatine went to Doncaster to run for the Cup, but the outcome of his visit can scarcely be looked on as a race, for he was only opposed by a very moderate mare belonging to Sir John Thursby. What was thought of the affair is shown by the fact that odds of 20 to 1 were laid on Prince Palatine, who cantered home at his ease.

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1912. DONCASTER.

DONCASTER CUP value £200, with £1100 in specie added, of which second recd. £200; for 3 yr. olds and upwards; entr. £10, 5 ft.; 2 m. 1 fur. (29 ents.—£1090.)

Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, by		
Persimmon, 4 yrs., 10 st. - - - F. O'Neill	-	1
Sir J. Thursby's Adalis, 5 yrs., 9 st. 2 lb. - C. Trigg	-	2

20/1 on Prince Palatine. Won by 10 lengths.

In the Jockey Club Stakes Prince Palatine and Stedfast were found in opposition for the fourth time, and on this occasion a surprise was in store to the credit of the Prince. It must be admitted, however, that Lord Derby's colt was labouring under a severe disadvantage, which, as the result proved, counteracted the benefit he received from the weights. In the late summer of 1912, for some unknown reason while walking on the road Stedfast fell heavily on to his knees, and notwithstanding that he was wearing kneecaps at the time injured himself so severely that for a considerable time it was impossible to bring him out of the stable. He was supposed to be fairly "straight" on the 3rd October, when the Jockey Club Stakes was contested, and notwithstanding all the races he had won he had escaped the penalty with which Prince Palatine was burdened. According to the conditions of the race, "winner of the Derby, Grand Prix de Paris, Ascot Cup, Doncaster St. Leger, Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park, or Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket, carries 12 lb., or of one of

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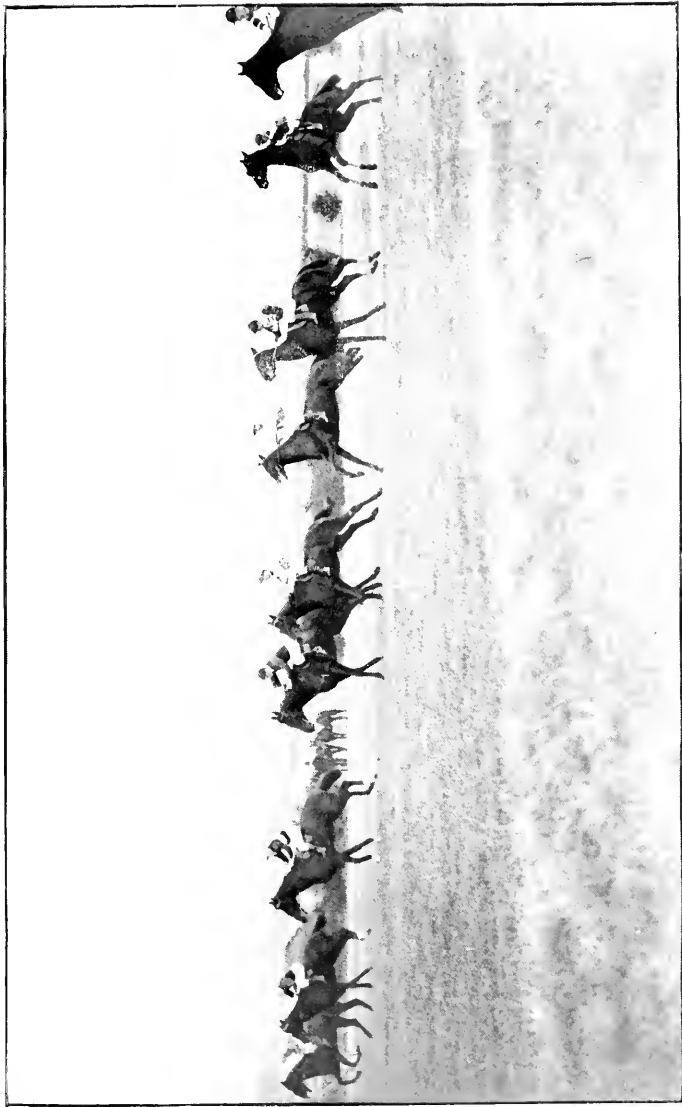
the two last mentioned races if carrying a penalty of 10 lb. or over, 16 lb.," Prince Palatine had incurred the full 16 lb. penalty. Stedfast escaped with the comparative trifle of 3 lb., and it was for this reason that odds of 9 to 4 were laid on him, 5 to 1 against Prince Palatine; for it seemed scarcely possible that the Prince could give 13 lb. He did so, however, winning by half a length. Though nine started, it will be seen that this Jockey Club Stakes was regarded as merely a match, odds of 25 to 1 being offered against all the other seven.

1912. NEWMARKET.

JOCKEY CLUB STAKES of £10,000, of which second recd. £1500 and third £750; nominator of winner £400 and nominator of second £200; by subscription of £5 each for 3 yr. olds, or £10 for 4 yr. olds and upwards; if left in after March 29, 1910, a further £21 for 4 yr. olds and upwards, and if left in after Oct. 11, 1910, a further £21 for 3 yr. olds; if left in after March 28, 1911, a further £32 each, and if left in after Jan. 2, 1912, a further £52 each; with £591 added; last 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ m. of Cesarewitch Course. (187 ents., viz. 18 at £115, 23 at £110, 28 at £63, 20 at £58, 36 at £31, 19 at £26, 12 at £10 and 31 at £5—£7435.)

Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, by

Persimmon, 4 yrs., 10 st. 7 lb.	-	-	F. O'Neill	1
Lord Derby's Stedfast, 4 yrs., 9 st. 8 lb.	-	-	F. Wootton	2
Mr. Reid Walker's Adamite, 4 yrs., 9 st.	-	-	D. Maher	3
Lord Derby's King William, 4 yrs., 9 st. 11 lb.	-	-	H. Jones	-
Mr. Fairie's Silesia, 3 yrs., 7 st. 13 lb.	-	-	E. Wheatley	-
M. San-Miguel's La Bohême II., 4 yrs., 9 st. 8 lb.	-	-	G. Bellhouse	-



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Mr. W. Hall Walker's Absolute, 3 yrs.,		
8 st. 13 lb. - - - - -	W. Earl	-
Mr. C. E. Howard's England, 3 yrs., 8 st. 10 lb.	W. Higgs	-
Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's Lorenzo, 3 yrs.,		
8 st. 2 lb. - - - - -	A. Whalley	-

(Lord Derby declared to win with Stedfast.)

9/4 on Stedfast, 5/1 agst. Prince Palatine, 25/1 England, La Bohême II, Adamite, Lorenzo and Silesia. Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, 5 lengths second and third.

But the season was to wind up with an inexplicable disaster. I should think it probable that Mr. Fairie only sent his three-year-old Aleppo to the Houghton Meeting at Newmarket on the supposition that Prince Palatine would not run for the Jockey Club Cup. Aleppo, who alone was daringly started to oppose Mr. Pilkington's colt, had won nothing as a two-year-old, as a three-year-old he had been out nine times prior to this and had only got home once by a head from a colt who was giving him a pound. Odds of 20 to 1 were laid on Prince Palatine, and the price really did not seem extravagant.

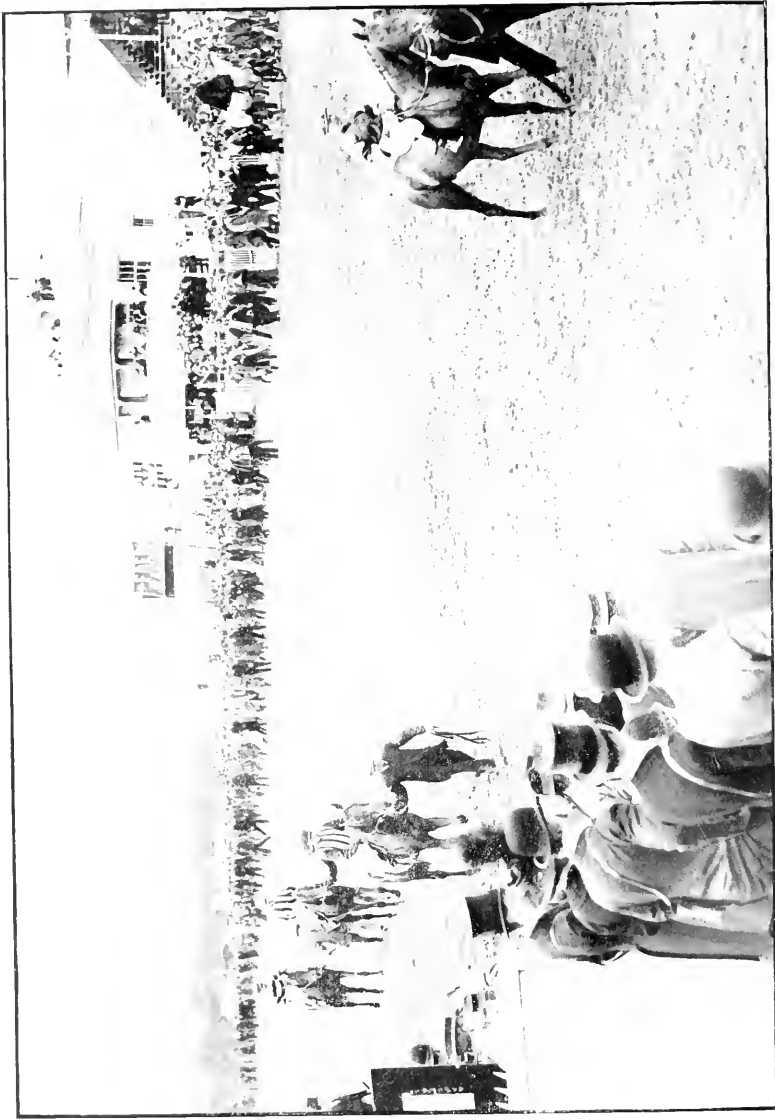
1912. NEWMARKET.

JOCKEY CLUB CUP of £500 (a Cup value £165, and the remainder in specie), added to a Sweepstakes of £20 each, h. ft., of which second recd. £50; for 3 yr. olds and upwards; Cesarewitch Course, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ m. (16 ents.—£610.)

Mr. Fairie's Aleppo, by Beppo, 3 yrs., 7 st. 12 lb.		
A. Whalley	1	
Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, 4 yrs.,		
8 st. 12 lb. - - - - -	F. Wootton	2
20/1 on Prince Palatine. Won by 6 lengths.		

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My idea is that the son of Persimmon must have been let down after winning the Jockey Club Stakes a month before, for to the general amazement the outsider beat him easily by half a dozen lengths. Such things are not absolutely unprecedented, but naturally occur extremely seldom. Prince Palatine, however, had completed a brilliant season. Of the seven races for which he had run he had taken four of the value of £20,730, and his three seconds had brought in an additional £700.



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CHAPTER VI

PRINCE PALATINE AS A FIVE-YEAR OLD

HAPPILY Prince Palatine was thoroughly sound when he retired into winter quarters, and it was decided to keep him in training for another year, in order if possible that his name might be added to the glorious little company of those who had twice won the Cup. The race, it may be observed, dates from 1807, and has been carried off in consecutive years by Bizarre, 1824-5, Touchstone, 1836-7, The Emperor, 1844-5 (in the latter year the name was changed to "The Emperor's Plate," and so continued over the season of 1853), The Hero, 1847-8, Fisherman, 1858-9, Isonomy, 1879-80, The White Knight, 1907-8. Prince Palatine's preparation proceeded uninterruptedly, and the date of the race being 19th June he was naturally forward enough to take part in the Coronation Cup at Epsom on the 5th of that month. The surprising thing about this Epsom outing is that no more than 6 to 5 was laid on the Prince. A juster estimate would surely have been 6 to 1 on, for he had only to beat Mr.

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S. B. Joel's Long Set, Mr. H. B. Duryea's Shannon, who had been sent over from France to run, and Mr. P. F. Heybourn's Cigar. It is true that there was no knowing quite how good Long Set might be, though it seemed perfectly safe to assume that he had no sort of pretension to oppose Prince Palatine with any hope of success. Long Set, a son of Rabelais—whom to his lasting regret Mr. Arthur James, his breeder, had sold for exile to France—and Balle Perdue had been bought by Colonel Hotspur Percy and brought to England. The Colonel sadly underestimated his purchase, put him into a selling race and allowed him to go for 500 guineas, which proved to be a mere fraction of his value. Indeed, Colonel Percy was so exceedingly vexed at what he had done that he told me when I met him after Long Set had begun to show his form, that he had given up racing, and I do not remember to have seen him on a course since. The ex-selling plater won the Lincolnshire Handicap, the Newbury Spring Cup, the Liverpool Summer Cup, was second for the Hunt Cup with 9 st. 4 lb., won the Doncaster Cup and other races of note; but his effort against Prince Palatine was futile.

1913. EPSOM.

CORONATION CUP, a Gold Cup value £200, and £1000 in specie, added to a Sweepstakes of £20 each, or £5 if dec., with



EPSOM, CORONATION CUP, 1913

The finish

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£100 added for second, and £50 for third; for 3 yr. olds and upwards; Derby Course, about 1½ m. (32 ents., viz. 24 at £20 and 8 at £5—£1700.)

Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, by			
Persimmon, 5 yrs., 9 st. 6 lb.	-	-	W. Saxby 1
Mr. Sol. Joel's Long Set, 6 yrs., 9 st. 6 lb.	-		H. Higgs 2
Mr. P. F. Heybourn's Cigar, 5 yrs., 9 st. 6 lb.			J. H. Martin 3
Mr. H. B. Duryea's Shannon, 4 yrs., 9 st. 3 lb.			G. Stern -

6/5 on Prince Palatine, 7/2 agst. Long Set, 4/1 Shannon, 10/1 Cigar. Won by 3 lengths, 4 lengths second and third.

I may begin comment on the Ascot adventure by quoting what I wrote at the time, and elucidating it afterwards :

“When betting on the Gold Cup opened even money was to be had about Prince Palatine, and I heard 5 to 2 offered against Tracery. Gradually last year's winner advanced to 7 to 4 on; Tracery, as I was surprised to find from the papers, went out to 6 to 1. More than one backer was much pleased at being able to get 4's. What happened has been so exhaustively discussed that I must not go into it at length, having really nothing new to say. It scarcely seems that these interruptions to sport are likely to become frequent; the man or woman who places himself or herself in the way of advancing horses is always likely to be bruised, and if he or she escapes the mob are soon more than ready to make up deficiencies. (That funny man, Mr. Bernard Shaw, by the way, says that his friend Miss

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Davison was a 'martyr.' If she had killed Anmer's jockey, Herbert Jones, what would he have been?) Judging from the manner in which Tracery was going at the head of affairs five furlongs from home, it is possible that layers of odds on the winner owe their good fortune to the interposition of the friend of the Suffragettes. But we need not enter into argument about this, as in all probability before the end of the year Prince Palatine, whose name is thus added to those of the nine horses who have won two Ascot Cups, will be provided with an opportunity of meeting Tracery again. They are both in the Jockey Club Stakes, and there are one or two other races into which they might be put. Stedfast, beaten a length and a half, ran a great deal better than most people expected, as for the matter of that most certainly did Aleppo."

What happened was that a man—emulating the example of a Miss Emily Davison, understood to be a friend of Mrs. Pankhurst, who had run out on to the Epsom Course at Tattenham Corner, got in the way of and brought down King Edward's colt Anmer—had stationed himself at the bend at Ascot just before the horses turn into the straight, and in some way not easily understood had upset Mr. Belmont's Tracery at a moment when his jockey, Whalley, maintained that the colt was winning his race. The betting shows how little such a result



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was expected, and my recollection of the event is that though Tracery was still galloping with considerable freedom, Prince Palatine was doing so with at least equal absence of effort, his jockey not having thought of pressing him. Tracery was a distinctly good animal, but I shall never believe that he was the equal of Prince Palatine. I think, indeed, that the market on the race showed much about an accurate appreciation of the relative form of the two animals. It will be perceived that Prince Palatine and Stedfast were here meeting for the fourth time, and having regard to the 7 lb. penalty which Mr. Pilkington's horse carried when they first encountered each other in the Kingsclere Stakes at Newbury, no possible doubt can be felt that Prince Palatine was distinctly the better of the two, making due allowance for Stedfast having been below his true form in the Jockey Club Stakes when Prince Palatine gave him 13 lb. and beat him.

1913. ASCOT.

GOLD CUP value £500, with £3500 in specie, added to a Sweepstakes of £20 each, h. ft., of which second recd. £700 and third £300; for entire colts and fillies, 3 yr. olds and upwards; 2½ m., starting at the Cup Post and going once round. (56 ents.—£3620.)

Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, by

Persimmon, 5 yrs., 9 st. 4 lb. - - -	W. Saxby	1
Lord Derby's Stedfast, 5 yrs., 9 st. 4 lb. - -	F. Wootton	2
Mr. Fairie's Aleppo, 4 yrs., 9 st. - - -	D. Maher	3

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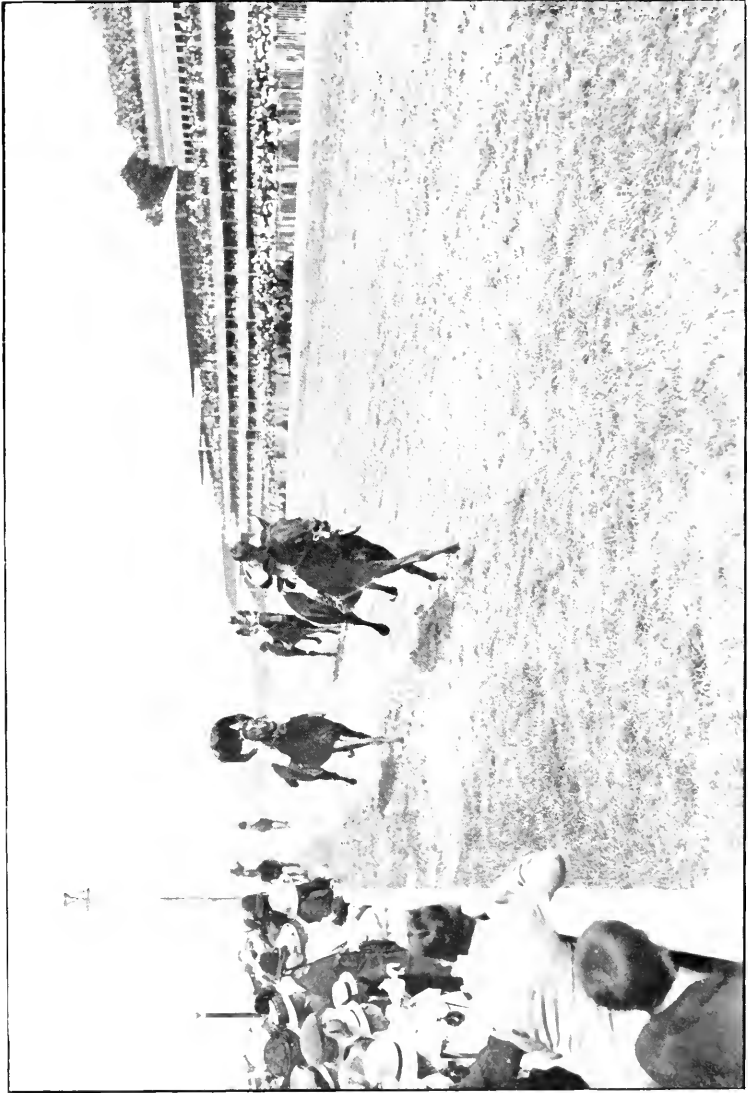
Baron Edouard de Rothschild's Prédicateur,		
4 yrs., 9 st. - - - - -	F. O'Neill	-
Mr. F. D. Pirie's Jackdaw, 5 yrs., 9 st. 4 lb. -	G. Stern	-
Mr. August Belmont's Tracery, 4 yrs., 9 st.		
(fell) - - - - -	A. Whalley	-
Mr. M. J. San-Miguel's Gorgorito, 4 yrs., 9 st.	A. Sharpe	-
Mr. W. Hall Walker's FitzRichard, 3 yrs.,		
7 st. 7 lb. - - - - -	W. Buckley	-

7/4 on Prince Palatine, 6/1 agst. Tracery, 7/1 Prédicateur, 10/1 Aleppo, 100/8 Jackdaw and Stedfast. Won by 1½ lengths, 4 lengths second and third ; Tracery fell.

The Stewards inquired into the cause of the accident, and found that a spectator ran out in front of the field, and Tracery collided with him and fell, throwing Whalley.

This last sentence is taken from the *Calendar*.

Prince Palatine was again entered for the Jockey Club Stakes of 1913, for which his chance appeared superlatively good, but meantime Mr. J. B. Joel had resolved to buy the horse if Mr. Pilkington would sell him. Mr. Somerville Tattersall was asked to conduct the negotiations, and a bargain was presently made. Mr. Joel was prepared to give 45,000 pounds, a sum larger than had ever been paid in the history of racing, but the transaction was contingent on the Prince maintaining his victorious career ; if beaten before the end of the season the price was to be 5000 pounds less. It was determined to start him for the Goodwood Cup, in which to all appearance his task was ridiculously easy, and on the morning of the Cup



ASCOT, THE GOLD CUP, 1913

Prince Palatine winner

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Day it was naturally imagined that very long odds would be laid on him. When he was seen in the paddock, however, something like consternation prevailed amongst his admirers, for he was sadly lacking in muscle and apparently far from being in the condition essential for a gallop over a severe course of two miles five furlongs, even against opponents who were comparatively of small account. Odds were still laid, to the amount of only 5 to 2 on ; but a long way from home it was painfully evident that the unfortunate Prince could be nothing like himself. Here once more I recur to the article I wrote immediately after the event :

“Then came the Cup, which was to provide us with one more of those sensations with which its history is associated. The ring did not ask for anything like the 20 to 1 on laid when Bayardo was beaten ; indeed, a disposition to field was perceptible, there having been vague rumours to the detriment of the 45,000-pound son of Persimmon ; but it was argued that he would never have been sent to the post had there been anything wrong with him, and what was there to beat? With the exception of Aleppo the others had all been performing with varying success in handicaps, and they were taking on the winner of the Leger and of two Ascot Cups, the horse who had given Stedfast 13 lb. and beaten him in the Jockey Club

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Stakes. It seemed inconceivable that he could fail. We did not need to be told that Rivoli stayed, having seen him win the Alexandra Plate over more than two miles and three-quarters, but he and all the others were of a totally different class from Prince Palatine. When the field came into sight at the top of the hill the race was over so far as the 'certainty' was concerned. Prince Palatine was hopelessly beaten; we could not believe our eyes, but they were telling us the truth, a distressing one, for racegoers take a pride in a great horse, and we had looked forward to seeing Prince Palatine come in by himself just to show what he could do, to afford evidence that the price paid for him was not out of the way. There he was, toiling in the rear, while Catmint, unplaced for the Manchester Cup after having been unplaced for the Jubilee, was disposing of Aleppo. A greater contrast could not well be imagined than between the Prince Palatine who cantered away from the good French mare Basse Pointe in the Gold Cup last year, and, indeed, the Prince Palatine who disposed of Stedfast, with Aleppo six lengths away, at Ascot last June, and the horse who staggered up to the post at Goodwood and then stopped dead, literally unable to put one leg before the other.

“The idea that he had been got at is too futile to be discussed. Until it is contradicted I shall believe

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the story I heard, upon what I take to be unimpeachable authority, that he had been pricked in shoeing and so stopped in his work. Before this paper is published details may have come to light, and if this is the explanation it may not altogether contradict the idea just propounded that those responsible for him would never have let him go to the post if they had conceived the possibility of his being beaten. One suspects they thought that even when some pounds below his best form he was still many pounds in front of anything that could oppose him for this Cup. It is impossible not to sympathise with Mr. Pilkington, whose pride in his horse must have been so terribly wounded. I am sure he would have given a great deal more than the 5000 pounds the defeat cost him to have avoided it. As for Mr. Joel, who so far as is understood was never to run the horse carrying the black, red cap, he is not likely to be pecuniarily affected. Several times Prince Palatine has shown what he is: there can be no mistake about him! One or two owners may perhaps hesitate about taking the subscriptions they had contemplated, or may change their minds altogether, but it is improbable that he will fail to fill. It is only to be hoped that we shall yet see the real Prince Palatine on the racecourse, running against Tracery for choice. Of course the devotees of this latter are in the condition which is described

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as cock-a-hoop, more than ever convinced that but for the accident to Tracery he must have beaten the Prince. Many of us do not share their conviction."

1913. GOODWOOD.

GOODWOOD CUP of £1000 (a Cup value £52 10s., and remainder in specie), with a Sweepstakes of £20 each, h. ft. (to the Fund); second recd. £200 and third £100 out of Stakes; for 3 yr. olds and upwards. About 2 m. 5 fur. (34 ents.—£800.)

By permission of the Stewards of the Jockey Club the starting gate was dispensed with for this race.

Mr. L. Brassey's Catmint, by Spearmint,		
4 yrs., 9 st. 3 lb. - - - - -	D. Maher	1
Mr. Fairie's Aleppo, 4 yrs., 9 st. 3 lb. -	A. Whalley	2
Major Eustace Loder's Lance Chest, 4 yrs.,		
9 st. 3 lb. - - - - -	Walter Griggs	3
Mr. T. Pilkington's Prince Palatine, 5 yrs.,		
10 st. - - - - -	W. Saxby	-
Lord Carnarvon's Rivoli, 4 yrs., 9 st. 3 lb. -	F. Wootton	-
Mr. H. Bonas's Cavalry, 4 yrs., 8 st. - - -	F. Greening	-
5/2 on Prince Palatine, 8/1 agst. Rivoli, 10/1 Lance Chest, 100/8 Catmint, 20/1 Aleppo. Won by a neck, 3 lengths second and third.		

It was a melancholy finish to a great career; but horses cannot win races if they are not fit to do so. He had, of course, been seen on a racecourse for the last time, and he was retired to Childwickbury, where his subscription rapidly filled at a fee of 400 guineas. A summary of his victories is appended.

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As a Two-Year-Old; 1910.

	£	s.	d.
Bedfont Plate, Kempton Park -	107	0	0
Donnington Castle Maiden Two-Year-Old Plate, Newbury -	249	0	0
Imperial Produce Plate, Kempton -	2,569	0	0

As a Three-Year-Old; 1911.

Gordon Stakes, Goodwood -	929	0	0
St. Leger, Doncaster -	6,450	0	0

As a Four-Year-Old; 1912.

Gold Cup, Ascot -	3,470	0	0
Eclipse Stakes, Sandown -	8,735	0	0
Doncaster Cup -	1,090	0	0
Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket -	7,435	0	0

As a Five-Year-Old; 1913.

Coronation Cup, Epsom -	1,700	0	0
Gold Cup, Ascot -	3,620	0	0
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	£36,354	0	0
Second places -	1,000	0	0
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	£37,354	0	0
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A day or two before the proofs of this book reached me, it was announced that Mr. Joel had

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sold Prince Palatine, for, it was stated, £25,000, to the Duc de Castries, and the horse is for the future to stand in France. Among those of his offspring born in England it can only be hoped that some will be found worthy of their sire.

