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RECORD BIDS AT NEWMARKET.

The Christmas sales are already under way at Newmarket, where some of Britain's best thoroughbreds come under the auctioneer's hammer. American buyers are there a-plenty, and bidding is brisk. A familiar figure, the Aly Khan, joins the crowds around the sale-ring, the shop counter for Tattersalls. A nod, a wave, even a blink of an eye-lid, and up goes the price to the tune of the auctioneer's chant.

Records are soon tumbling as fantastic prices are paid. 27 horses are snapped up within minutes for more than a quarter of a million. Sir Gordon Richards is there when a full-brother to "Festoon" goes for nineteen thousand guineas to Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, better known as beauty expert Elizabeth Arden. Two other American buyers chat with trainer Harry Wragg. With record bids The New Market Sales provide plenty of checks. The Aly Khan hopes to buy several yearlings at the auctions which prove how British bloodstock is still second to none.