

TITLE:- GRAND NATIONAL.

Picture:- Aintree - the cradle of a million hopes. ... The horses are passing the winning post - as they parade ! ... Believe me they --

--won't all do that in the race ! ... The Grand National is the world's greatest steeplechase, and there are a quarter of a million people there !

Forty-three "dead certs"  $\frac{1}{2}$  or rather, half of them are "sure things" - "line-up" for the start.

They're off ! Er - no ! there's something wrong. ... It's a false start ! ... It'd double their chances if they let them go - but the others want to be in it. ... Back you come, all of you !

Like a charge of cavalry they really get away. ... They've got four-and-a-half miles --

--to go, with thirty jumps like this, and worse, to take, before they reach the winning post, and decide the future ownership of millions of pounds. ...

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Becher's Brook is a tough proposition - they all come over it in good style - except Swift Roland, who comes to grief. ... Very hard luck ! ...

The crowd is packed solid to see them come over--

--Valentine's Brook. ... "Gib" and "Big Black Boy" are first over. ... This is one of the very real teasers of the course.

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It's anybody's race - except mine ! My money's "gone West" already ! ...

Anchor Bridge ! Ryticere and Gregalash are leading !... They're all jumping magnificently. ... One or two riderless horses tell their tale of blighted hopes, as they follow the others. ...

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Passing the Stands -

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The second time round the course. ... More than half the starters are still on their feet. ... This is quite unusual in the National. ... Great Span shows how good he is, --

--but Gregalach and Grakle are coming up in great style. ... Easter Hero is there, jumping brilliantly! ... Every horse which can stay on its legs, stands a chance.

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BRING UP CROWD EFFECTS OVER 2 SHOTS.  
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Near the finish! Grakle's leading Gregalach!  
It's going to be a near thing! That's the stuff!

Grakle keeps the lead! Good boy! Keep it up!  
Done it!

- And my money was on - no, I'll not say!

AND SO - FOR THE PRESENT WE LEAVE YOU.