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(3). TITLE.:- PALIO RACE.

Picture.:- A picturesque Italian event which attracts an assembly of two hundred thousand citizens to beautiful Siena. Dame Rachel Mussolini, --

--with her two children, also comes to honour this curious race for the Palio, --

--or flag, which is contested by all the districts of the Province. They are real flag wagers, but are not satisfied until they win the coveted one.

The jockeys dress in medieval costumes which add colour, but hardly dignity or speed, to this historic race.

They are all 'het up' with enthusiasm for the start, and --

--the horses not being hampered by fuggy costumes, make good pace. You follow patterns, not colours, in this event! The gent in the leg-of-mutton sleeves, is well ahead of the fellow in the doublet and breeches.

That special flag has as much attraction for them as a bigpurse or a selling plate. To-day's --

--winners had tried for twenty-five years. How is that for perseverance?