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WORLD'S OLDEST RACE - H. T. Silvester of
Hammersmith wins 218th race for Doggett's
Coat and Badge.

- London -

Picture:- You have heard that Queen Anne is dead ! Well,
in the year she died, 1714, an actor named Doggett arranged a --
-- Thames Watermen's Rowing Race for a Coat and --
-- Badge. This year for the 218th time, competitors for
this ancient prize row from London Bridge to Chelsea, as
King George the 1st --
-- from his royal barge at St. James' steps --
-- saw them do. The race resolves itself into follow-my-leader
between Warner of Gravesend and Silvester --
-- of Hammersmith. Silvester wins easily and becomes the --
-- proud holder of the historic Coat and Silver Badge!