

OLDEST HORSE-RACE - - The historic Newmarket  
Town Plate won by Miss Audrey Bell on "Mr. Bertram".

-Cambridgeshire-

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Picture:- In 1665, some 260 years ago, King Charles  
II inaugurated a--

--race to be run at Newmarket every second Thursday  
in October in perpetuity. It was also ruled that women  
may enter.

It was further ruled that each horse must carry twelve  
stone, but I'll let that pass. Anyway this is the  
preparation for that very race over a course of--

--four miles. Seven women and four men are up, and off  
they go! There are two or three horses which make  
a real race of it. "Bogus" and "Mr. Bertram"--

--ridden by Mr. Simpson and Miss Bell get home quite  
early, Miss Bell--

--winning by only three quarters of a length. Miss  
Audrey Bell is the athletic daughter--

--of the Mayor of Fulham. The other--

--horses had a late leave-pass, so they just didn't  
care.

Miss Bell is presented with the winner's trophy.  
She--

--wanted it, and she gets it. A woman usually does!