

NIAGARA ETC.

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Niagara Falls --- in the grip of ~~ice~~. For many years the ~~most~~ popular resort of honeymoon couples, this wonder of nature is ice-bound in the worst hold-up for thirty years. Even the gorge is choked, and ~~it~~ with the roar of the cataract stilled for once the newlyweds can ~~in~~ whisper sweet nothings without having to shout. Over the huge ice hammocks the winter visitors romp without fear --- taking advantage of a Niagara chained and helpless. Frost has spread his white finger ~~over~~ over most parts of great Britain. The little rivers of Essex --- the Roach and the Crouch --- froze over, locked in an icy stillness. Scotland in 30 degrees of frost --- Cora Lynn and Bonnyton Falls were choked by the ~~top~~ fingers of Jack Frost. ~~A~~ racing was postponed in all parts of Great Britain and trainers were unable to send their charges for gallops in the usual training grounds. Instead of frostbound fields, ~~then~~ some of the entries for the Grand National found themselves galloping over the sands at Bognor. Rather humiliating for a thoroughbred to have to give an imitation of a donkey ride. But of course there's nothing common ~~like that~~ ^{about it now that} now it's called Bognor Regis.

AUCKLAND CUP.

Horses in sunnier circumstances were to be seen ~~on~~ the Ellersby Racecourse for the ~~fashionable~~ Auckland Cup. Summer fashions reign here as the 14 starters ~~left~~ ^{left} the gate. The Favourite ^{was} ~~the~~ Cuddle and she led the field almost from the start of the two mile gallop. Cuddle was the top weight entry but she carried the handicap successfully to streak out five lengths in front of ~~the field~~ as she came to the finishing post. A great win --- and a new record for the distance.