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DERBY HORSES.

Have you decided yet which horse is going to win the Derby? These action pictures from Newmarket may help you to choose. There will be an Indian flavour about Epsom this summer --- Taj Akbar is an outsider who has tumbled down in price to near-favouritism --- Bala Hissar is another Oriental. This is Noble King. Mahmoud is a grey well worth watching, but whatever happens at Epsom it'll be a ~~xxx~~ great race. Even if the horse you want doesn't come home first, there's nothing quite like the Derby.

SHEEP SHEARING.

Hyde Park is really quite a country spot these days and with the start of the sheep shearing season we cockneys feel quite rustic. Now that the time for foreign visitors has arrived its no unusual thing ~~is~~ ~~is~~ for the confidence men to start fleecing sheep but this is th actual thing. The sheep don't like it very much, but on the other hand it doesn't hurt them. But you know how it feels when you've just had your hair cut!

DUTCH FIRE.

Fire starting in a stearin candle factory at Gouda near Rotterdam spread with alarming rapidity and enveloped the whole of a huge building employed in the manufacture of chemical products. The flames spread across the inflammable materials a sent up huge rolls of acrid smoke making the work of the firemen next to impossible. Brigades were summoned from dustrant parts to lend help but the result was an almost complete burn-out --- the worst blaze Holland has ever known.