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NEW YEAR MEET AT ALNWICK.

The scene is Alnwick ~~in~~ Northumberland -- ^{and} ~~the date Jan 1st.~~
Once again, they held the New Year's Day Meet here., - one of
the most popular events of the year.

As always, a large field turned out, and the young idea
was well represented.

After the usual hanging about waiting for late-comers, the
hunt moved off down the road to draw the first cover.

And then, except for occasional glimpses through the
bracken, we lose sight of them. Apparently it was a poor day
for scent, and old man fox did not make an appearance.

No ~~hankin~~ doubt on some marauding expedition on New Year's
Eve, he had replenished his larder, and took the next day off.

And so the poor dogs got none -- but it was a grand day
in the open for those in the saddle and for those on foot-
~~and there we leave them till next year.~~