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Ascot! She saw it stolen

20th June 1958

Royal Ascot on Gold Cup Day. A setting for high fashion and top-class racing. The ~~loud~~ cheers that greeted the Queen as she drove up the course bore their own message of good luck to a Royal Owner hoping to make turf history.

It was Ladies Day - so striking creations brought the garden-party atmosphere to the lovely Berkshire course. But everyone hoped it would be the Queen's Day - with the first-ever Gold Cup triumph for a Reigning Sovereign.

A word with jockey W.H. Carr ~~And~~ a family gathering in the Paddock... ~~taxi~~ to see the fancied Royal hope - Doutelle - a striking chestnut whose dam won the Cesarewitch.

The famous
~~was the £500 Gold Cup... safe to say. But in 1907 - it was stolen during the racing. 87 year old, the Hon. Mrs Mary Bell, who is now 87 saw it - all!~~
Ascot mystery. / SOUND

Now for the great race. And they're off. A field of eight (with strong *Irish + French* challengers) ~~from Ireland and France~~ for the £10,950 prize.

~~They~~

Turning into the final straight. The gruelling two-and-a-half miles make

~~made~~ it a real test of stamina. ~~Flying flag is leading for France.~~ *with Flying Flag leading for France*

~~France. But watch the Irish mare~~
~~But watch the Irish mare, Gladness come through. Lester Piggott driving~~
~~GLADNESS - into the lead - to win from HORN BEAM by a length.~~
~~her on. Hornbeam makes his challenge. These two battle it out and it's~~

Gladness ~~by~~ a length.

So the Grand National: the Derby, and the Ascot Gold Cup, go to Ireland. What a year for the Irish!