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TITLE.:- TOWN PLATE.

Picture.:- 265 years ago, King Charles the Second ordered this race to be run on Newmarket Heath, every October,--

--for evermore ! XXXX It is the only horse race in which women may compete with men - and what is more,--

--they have been victorious on more than one occasion. XXXX Miss Waldron, on "Journey's End", leads the way to the post. XXXX There are four women and three men in to-day's race, and the ladies are not going to make it any easier than they can help, for the male jockeys, you can be quite sure ! XXXX

At the post - with four miles to go ! XXXX They are all anxious to get away ! - They're off ! XXXX A good start, with only one laggard. XXXX Come on, there !

You've heard about "a field" being "spread out" - well, this is different ! They're spread-eagled ! I don't know what they'd do if they were hemmed in by rails, like on most other racecourses !

Now they're approaching the home straight - and it's a procession - led by Frank Simpson on "Bogus", with "Journey's End" and "Spear Bay" many lengths behind ! XXXX

"Bogus" keeps the lead, and holds it, all the way to the Finish ! Not a "big thrill" ending, but a great--

--disappointment to the ladies ! XXXXX Anyway, they didn't expect, or receive, any special priveleges. XXXX A fair fight, with Frank Simpson again the winner. XXXX It's the "umpteenth" time he has --

--won this race - he has forgotten how many times he has competed. XXXX

It's too bad the ladies didn't put up a better showing. They didn't stop to powder their noses, or anything like that !

It was just that "Bogus" proved to be anything but bogus !

AND SO, FOR THE PRESENT, I LEAVE YOU !

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