

GERMAN MOTOCROSS.

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At Ingolstadt in Germany, motor cycle races met in the final of the German motocross championship. At this sort of meeting, competitors expect to find the going difficult --- but heavy rainstorms had churned up the course into something indescribable.....not to say unprintable. And -- to make it harder -- ^{- a near-miss} a collision at the finish

MECHANICAL AID.

The marvels of this mechanical age continue to increase --- and here at Beddington, in Surrey, is a demonstration of the latest. It's a crane, and a travelling platform, and it's capable of carrying the heaviest and most unwieldy objects. With a forty horse power diesel engine, it can also be used for digging a trench twelve feet deep or as a bulldozer. ^{training,} ~~With a little practice, it might make someone a good~~

PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

From many of the world's great agricultural countries --- as far apart as Ireland and Denmark, Holland and the United States, --- competitors came to Shillingford in Oxfordshire, to tackle the World Ploughing Championships. Most of the work was done by the modern tractor method --- efficient, economical and mighty quick. There were many demonstrations of small cultivators --- a field in which Britain is building up a big export business. For the sentimental there's no doubt that the old horse-plough still looks the best; but it's the man still using the horse-plough, who is the target of modern manufacturers.

ANIMAL ORPHANAGE.

From Northern Rhodesia comes this story of a home for orphans run by Major Gerry Taylor --- young animals taken in and cared for when found abandoned, including a leopard that tried to change its spots by washing. And from the London Zoo --- a brief interview with Nikki and Rusk --- the two baby bears presented to Princess ^{Dune} by Messrs Bulganin and Krushev. They told us that as their swimming pool was in their particular corner of the Zoo, they had decided to nationalise it.