

### SHOW RING FAVORITES

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fluous effort. No matter how high the obstacle, or how wide, the black horse just clears it. One doesn't see him 'reach for the moon' when tackling, 'reach for the moon' when tackling, say, a three-foot-six jump. Sufficient for him to get over by a safe margin. He employs the same tactics when confronted with a five-foot fence. That is to say, he takes it by a minimum margin of safety. But the main point is that he clears it, whether it be high, wide or low. He never gets rattled. Not him! In the arena, or around an open course, he travels at a pace so even that one could measure time by it. For him, no rushing at this jump, or dawdling at that one. When he comes into a ring, he knows full well he has a job ahead of him, and proceeds to do it without fuss and with the precision of a well-drilled soldier.

Prize-money for show ring performance is small compared with the race course, but I believe I am safe in saying that in addition to numerous trophies *Rajah* has won approximately \$3,000 in the four and a half years he has been in Mr. Hunter's possession. I do know that there is one competition which he seems bent on winning each year he is entered in it. That is the Owners' Up class at the Sutton Horse Show. For, with Mr. Hunter, Sr., riding him, the black fencer has carried off the premier honors in this test on three different occasions in the past four years.

Now for a brief word about *Pandora*, *Rajah's* great jumping ally. She is a chestnut mare, standing 15-2 hands, a full hand lower than her stable mate. From North York, this mare came, having been bred by Walter Scott, the Sutton horseman. Her success in the show ring has been most marked, but, good as she is at tanbark work, she is even better in the hunting field. Incidentally she is a half sister to Mrs.

Harry Sifton's great hunter, *Pandora*, which may help to explain her aptitude for cross-country work.

*Pandora's* reputation stands high with the good folk of Rochester, which that city at the annual summer gathering she has demonstrated her jumping qualities in many stirring contests. It was there, three years ago, that the chestnut mare won the \$1,000 Jumping Stakes together with the gold medal inscribed "Champion Jumper of the Show." She met the cream of the fencing brigade of the United States and convincingly stamped her superiority over all her rivals. One of her keenest opponents was *Rajah*, who finished third. Both were ridden by Mr. Donald Hunter.

It was at Rochester that *Pandora* won the Pen Jump, after she had won a similar contest at the Canadian National Exhibition. There, too, she topped the class in the Five-foot jumping stake. In 1927, this mare won the Master's Shield at Eglinton, junior division, thereby antedating by three years her stable companion, *Rajah's* victory in the senior division. Paired with the black horse and ridden by father and son they have won numerous pair jumping competitions at Bataavia, the Royal Winter Fair and the Eglinton Hunt Club. Nor, in the list of her successes must I forget to include her smashing victory in the 1927 Jumping Stakes at the Royal Winter Fair, in which she showed a clean pair of heels to *Rajah*.

Mr. Donald Hunter has handled this pair of star performers in nearly all their ring engagements. A clever, cool rider, equipped with the priceless possession of excellent hands, he had his early training under the supervision of that excellent instructor, Freddie English of the Toronto Hunt Club.

### WIFELESS VACATIONS

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different man. He is filled with new ideas, new values, new friendships; he has regained his poise, his self-confidence, his cheerfulness; he is out of the rut and once more in the running—all because he took a separate vacation.

ANGELICA's next remark came as a distinct surprise. "I think you're right," she said. "Pardon me?"

"I think your scheme is simply splendid, your arguments are unanswerable."

"I felt I could now let up on my sales pressure, so to speak."

"Of course," I said, "you realize that I have no real desire to go away by myself. I shall miss you a great deal. But it's a matter of duty, it's something which must be done for the good of both of us. I will come back a new man—you'll be surprised."

"I'm sure I shall!" "I'll be terribly homesick," I continued, feeling that I had the matter

cinched. "In fact, I wouldn't even think of going unless you asked me to."

"But you must go."

"Are you sure you want me to?"

"Of course I'm sure. You see, I'm looking forward to a separate vacation myself. Fancy two weeks of husbandless holidaying!"

"What?" "It will be loads of fun going away without you tagging at my side. I'm sold as far as separate vacations are concerned. Just imagine the stimulating mental contacts, the renewal of confidence that come with freedom from domestic duties. Dancing, dining, swimming, and loafing with men and women who think you are witty, interesting, intriguing. Long days of attention, appreciation, and admiration. Why I shall come back a new woman when I come back!"

If any man knows of a few good arguments AGAINST separate vacations, I shall be glad to hear from him.



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