

came "keen" on sport after preliminary experiences in hunting when Missy gave him his first tips.

Roddy, who was a Commander in His Majesty's Navy, was summed up by Tom to his nagsman after his first visit to the Yard:

"I make no doubt that Commander Selwyn can ride the stormy ocean, but I don't think he can ride Timbuctoo."

At first, Roddy's object in becoming at home in the chase was to "ride into" the affections of Diana Pundle, one of General Pundle's four daughters, who apparently lived for that exciting sport.

His friend, Harry Slufter, assured him that was the only way to win her.

His presence in the hunting field is now explained, though he had yet to learn that something else was needed beyond a decent mount.

Harry Slufter, a cavalry officer, eyed his friend of the Senior Service with dismay.

"Anything wrong?"

"Everything, old bean. I never saw such a rag-bag out of the comic papers. Where did you get 'em?"

"I borrowed most of 'em."

"A horseman," said Harry solemnly, "should be a credit to his gee. However, I'll see you through. We'll nip up to town together. If little Di wasn't the kindest soul on earth she wouldn't speak to you."

But, as we have hinted, it was Missy who kept him "keen."

The story, which seemed likely to end on a note of tragedy, happily ends with a hint of wedding bells, not only for Missy and Roddy, but also for honest Tom (now a widower), and comely Mary Chaundy, of the "Bell" Inn.

"He turned off the gas and walked silently into his own room. He flung open the window. Across the yard he could see another window in which a light burned steadily. The blind was drawn.

Black upon amber, Tom could see the figure of Mary. It vanished.

"Gosh!"

After a long pause he spoke again:

"Why not?"

Furtively he blew a kiss to her.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Mrs. Philipson, was greeted with cheers from all parts of the House of Commons when she took her seat and signed the roll on her election for Berwick-on-Tweed on June 7th, in succession to her husband, who was unseated on petition. She was introduced by Sir T. Inskip, Solicitor-General, and Colonel Leslie Wilson, Chief Government Whip.

As Miss Mabel Russell she was well known as a very popular stage favourite before her marriage—and she states she is keenly interested in the much-talked of Bill to protect actors and actresses from the bogus manager.

Whilst welcoming another woman M.P., we think it is now time women were elected on their

own merits, and not as "relicts" of the male sex. Moreover, it is high time the Nursing Profession sent a courageous Registered Nurse to Parliament. The Parliamentary Medical Committee is proving a very dangerous power against nursing standards in the House, and if they get their way over, Rule 9 (1)g they will practically deprive both efficient nurses and the public of any benefit from Registration for the next twenty years. Two or three of the Medical M.P.s are well-known to be strongly antagonistic to any professional status for trained nurses. "Hewers of wood and drawers of water" so far as their relations to medicine is concerned—their model the "cottage gamp."

Unfortunately the public suffer from the delusion that a medical practitioner is a trained nurse in addition. This type of practitioner warmly supports the College Caucus—which uses its supine self-interested membership in suppressing the professional aspirations of the free nurses.

We hope, as Mrs. Philipson has been a wage-earner, she will sympathise with working nurses—so far her women colleagues have studiously ignored their rights and privileges.

By a majority of 231 votes the Third Reading of Mr. Entwistle's Matrimonial Causes Bill passed the House of Commons last week. This Bill provides for equality between the sexes. Hitherto it has been necessary that a woman should prove cruelty as well as misconduct against her husband if she wished for a divorce, whereas a man need only prove adultery. The wife may now sue for divorce for adultery alone—to many the bitterest form of cruelty.

From Rome comes the news that Signor Mussolini has introduced in the Chamber the Bill promised granting an administrative vote to women.

## COMING EVENTS.

June 15th.—Funeral of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian. St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. 11.30 a.m.

Memorial Service. Westminster Abbey. 11.30 a.m.

June 15th.—Meeting General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

June 15th.—Meeting National Council of Women, Caxton Hall. 2.30 p.m.

June 28th.—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Meeting, Glaxo House, 56, Osnaburgh Street, N.W. 2.15 p.m.

June 28th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual General Meeting. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 3 p.m.

Mrs. Campbell Thomson, Nurse Hon. Secretary, invites members to tea at the Club after the meeting.

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