

Knook

HEYTESBURY

A match of 50 sovs. each, two miles, gentlemen riders, 10st.

Mr. C. Flower's Factory Girl ... (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. T. Raxworthy's Claret ... (Owner) 2

This exciting race came off on Wednesday last, over an excellent course near Knook Knoll, and, notwithstanding the extremely unpropitious state of the weather, attracted an immense field of horsemen frequenting the neighbouring hunts, together with a large attendance of pedestrians. Previous to going to scale, Factory Girl was the favourite, but on it becoming known that she would carry 9lb. over weight, and looking at the wretched condition of the turf, and the superior strength of Claret, the betting became even. On starting, Claret took the lead, and kept it till within about half-a-mile from home; Factory Girl, whose rider was evidently making a waiting race, here passed him, and came in an easy winner by several lengths. Run in 5m. 6 seconds. H. Ingram, Esq., acted as judge.

A Sweepstakes was cleverly won, after a well-contested race, by Mr. T. Flower's Cob, beating two others.

The Hurdle Race was won by Mr. T. Flower's Venus, beating three others.

Considerable amusement was created by several impromptu matches, and the company left "the plain" highly gratified with the day's sport afforded them.

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