

MY HAT

Express Staff Reporter

I was a dream, Mrs. Theresa Russell's hat. Ascot style, veiled white boater topped with two plastic oranges, one big, one small.

The Queen Mother admired it. The Duchess of Gloucester admired it.

And a duke was utterly fascinated as Mrs. Russell passed by. So was a police horse.

The duke took one look and burst out "What a smashing tiffin."

The police horse took one bite and an orange vanished. The big one.

UNAWARE

But so quickly did it happen at yesterday's Royal Show that nobody knows which Newcastle-upon-Tyne police horse was the culprit—22-year-old Prince, 12-year-old Paul, or seven-year-old Punch.

And Mrs. Russell, doctor's wife who is a city alderman, was not even aware she was an orange short until a woman rushed up and said: "The horse must have thought it was a real one."

"I didn't know what she meant until she pointed to my hat," lamented Mrs. Russell. "I was very upset. I bought that hat specially for the show. It was very new, very expensive, and very swanky."

Why, even my husband liked it."

Duchess arrives with Goya clues

The Duchess of Leeds, whose husband once owned the stolen Goya portrait of the Duke of Wellington, arrived in London last night with two labels steamed off other pictures at her Jersey home.

Detectives will compare the writing with a similar label sent in an anonymous letter which said it came from the back of the £145,000 Goya.

Troops accused

GENN, Thursday.—A claim today that Canadian troops attacked 40 Germans at Bielefeld, 50 miles from Hanover, was described by an Army spokesman as "mysterious." He said: "We know of no such incident."

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makers to the Queen, are to offer some of their 1,000,000 shares to the public next week.

At about 12s. 6d. each the shares put a stock market lull on the business of £425,000.

The firm has been run by the Spink family since founder Marshall Spink set up in business in 1772 as a gold and silver smith.

It operates from a single shop in King-street, St. James's, and rivals such famed concerns as Sotheby's and Christies.

A great-great-grandson of the founder, 56-year-old David Spink and his brother Philip, aged 50, now run the business.

Experts

Spink's are the world's leading authorities on Oriental works of art. At the almost museum-like shop they deal in such rare pieces as jade bowls and vases.

At diplomatic receptions the miniatures worn on the breasts of those with honours and Service medals are all made by Spink and Son.

As holder of the Queen's warrant the firm alone handles the Order of St. Michael and St. George awarded for services to the British Dominions.

Cigar for Winston

Sir Winston Churchill is "getting on fine," said his daughter Mary (Mrs. Christopher Soames) last night after seeing him in the Middlesex Hospital. "When I left he was smoking a cigar," she added.

Earlier, Lady Churchill saw her 87-year-old husband, who is recovering from an operation on a broken thigh, after a bulletin had stated there was "some irregularity of the pulse." Another caller was Lord Beaverbrook.

Alarm at Palace

Four police cars went to Buckingham Palace yesterday when a burglar alarm sounded accidentally in the Queen's picture gallery.

Prisoners free

Two prisoners from Stafford Jail escaped from an outdoor working party near Lichfield yesterday.

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With a secret



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By FRANK ROSTRON

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By ROBERT MOORE

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Air-bed ban?

A possible ban on children using air-beds to float on at the seaside is being considered by Mr. R. A.

'Resign' MP on mat

By DOUGLAS CLARK

A DEMAND by Tory M.P. Mr. Anthony Fell that Labour Minister Mr. John Hare should resign brought him a short, sharp interview with the Government Chief Whip yesterday.

Mr. Fell, who sits for Yarmouth, told the Commons that many people were "deeply shocked" by Mr. Hare's failure to resign after saying that Commonwealth countries were behaving "like children" over the Common Market.

be withdrawn from Mr. Fell. (He once resigned voluntarily for a period after Suez).

Tory chiefs are in a dilemma. They would like to expel Mr. Fell from the party.

But if they do, they will be slapping down the views of many party members all over Britain who share his fear that in its Market negotiations the Government might put Europe before the interests of the Common-

question to the Prime Minister lasted 92 seconds.

It was, he said, the longest question he had ever heard.

Afterwards Mr. Gibson-Watt said: "I was going to do it in any case when someone went over 60 seconds with a supplementary."

"It just happened to be Tony Fell and a question to the Prime Minister. It was very difficult. . . . But 90 seconds was far too long."

He added: "I have been keeping a stopwatch on the length of supplementary questions by M.P.s for a couple of days."

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