KING OF COMEDY

TIMEFORM 26 June 2019 - The Best 3yo in Europe



By KINGMAN- The Best Young Sire in Europe



RACE RECORD

KING OF COMEDY (IRE) 2016 Bay colt

by Kingman - Stage Presence, by Selkirk (in Great Britain, Ireland)

Age	Runs	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2	2	1	1	-	£7,817
3	6	2	2	-	£220,717
4	2	-	1	-	£7,955
Totals:	12	3	4	_	£236,489

1st of 8	Sandown Good Care Group 2YO S., £10,000, 7f, time 01:30.46. Track good to firm. Carried 128.00lbs. Persian Moon was 2nd and Topical 3rd. Trainer: J H M Gosden. Owner: Lady Bamford.
2nd of 15	Redcar British Stallions Studs 2YO Novice S., £7,000, 7f, time 01:26.25. Track soft (good to soft in places). Carried 135.00lbs. I Could Do Better was 1st and Asad 3rd. Trainer: J H M Gosden. Owner: Lady Bamford. Jockey: R Havlin.
1st of 14	Yarmouth Eastern Power Systems of Norwich Novice S., £5,800, 1m, time 01:34.15. Track good to firm (good in places). Carried 135.00lbs. Land of Legends was 2nd and Edaraat 3rd. Trainer: J H M Gosden. Owner: Lady Bamford. Jockey: L Dettori.
1st of 8	Sandown Heron S., L, £40,000, 1m, time 01:40.29. Track good (good to firm in places, sprint course: good . Carried 126.00lbs. Roseman was 2nd and Sangarius 3rd. Trainer: J H M Gosden. Owner: Lady Bamford. Jockey: L Dettori.
2nd of 11	Royal Ascot St James's Palace S., Gr.1, £538,750, 1m. Track good (good to soft in places). Carried 126.00lbs. Circus Maximus was 1st and Too Darn Hot 3rd. Trainer: J H M Gosden. Owner: Lady Bamford. Jockey: A Kirby.
4th of 9	York International S., Gr.1, £1,062,500, 10¼f, time 02:07.77. Track good. Carried 125.00lbs. Japan was 1st and Crystal Ocean 2nd and Elarqam 3rd. Trainer: J H M Gosden. Owner: Lady Bamford. Jockey: L Dettori.
2nd of 6	Newmarket Joel S., Gr.2, £100,000, 1m, time 01:35.60. Track good. Carried 126.00lbs. Benbatl was 1st and Zaaki 3rd. Trainer: J H M Gosden. Owner: Lady Bamford. Jockey: L Dettori.
2nd of 8	Newbury Diomed S., Gr.3, £37,000, 1m, time 1:37.25. Track good. Carried 132.00lbs. Century Dream was 1st and Zaaki 3rd. Trainer: John Gosden. Owner: Lady Bamford.

Timeform's top-rated three-year-olds as at 23/06/2019

126p - KING OF COMEDY Subject horse

125 – ANTHONY VAN DYCK - Champion Older Male in Ireland in 2020 (Long). The Derby, Gr.1, Curragh Futurity S., Gr.2, ParisLongchamp Prix Foy, Gr.2, Leopardstown Tyros S., Gr.3, Lingfield Derby Trial S., L, 2d Irish Derby, Gr.1, MRC Caulfield Cup, Gr.1, Curragh National S., Gr.1, Newmarket Coronation Cup, Gr.1, 3d Breeders' Cup Turf, Gr.1, Leopardstown Irish Champion S., Gr.1. Newmarket Dewhurst S., Gr.1.

125 - PHOENIX OF SPAIN - Irish Two Thousand Guineas, Gr.1, York Acomb S., Gr.3, 2d Doncaster Futurity Trophy, Gr.1, Champagne S., Gr.2.

124p – JAPAN - Equal Leading 3YO Male on the 2019 WTR (Int.). Champion 3YO in Europe in 2019 (Int.). Champion 3YO in GB & Ireland in 2019 (Int. & Long). York International S., Gr.1, ParisLongchamp Grand Prix de Paris, Gr.1, Royal Ascot King Edward VII S., Gr.2, Naas Beresford S., Gr.2, 3d The Derby, Gr.1, Ascot King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S., Gr.1, Sandown Foliose S. Gr.1

124 - CALYX - Royal Ascot Coventry S., Gr.2, Ascot Pavilion S., Gr.3, Newmarket AFT Fluorotec 2YO S., 2d Haydock Sandy Lane S., Gr.2.

124 - MAGNA GRECIA - Champion 3YO Miler in Ireland in 2019. The Two Thousand Guineas, Gr.1, Doncaster Futurity Trophy, Gr.1, 2d Newmarket Autumn S., Gr.3.

123p – SOTTSASS Leading 3YO Male on the 2019 WTR. Champion 3YO in Europe in 2019 (Long). Champion 3YO in France in 2019 (Int. & Long). Champion Older Male in France in 2020 (Int. &

Long). Chantilly Prix du Jockey Club, **Gr.1**, ParisLongchamp Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, **Gr.1**, Chantilly Prix Ganay, **Gr.1**, ParisLongchamp Prix Niel, **Gr.2**, Chantilly Prix de Suresnes, **L**, 2d Deauville Prix Gontaut-Biron, **Gr.3**, 3d ParisLongchamp Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, **Gr.1**,

123 - ADVERTISE Joint Champion Older Male Sprinter in France in 2019. Royal Ascot Commonwealth Cup, Gr.1, Deauville Prix Maurice de Gheest, Gr.1, Curragh Phoenix S., Gr.1, Newmarket

July S., Gr.2, Newbury Starlight Raceday 2YO S., 2d Newmarket Dewhurst S., Gr.1, July Cup, Gr.1, Royal Ascot Coventry S., Gr.2.

123 - MADHMOON Leopardstown Champions Juvenile S., Gr.2, Desmond S., Gr.3, Irish Stallion Farms 2YO S., 2d The Derby, Gr.1, Leopardstown Two Thousand Guineas Trial, L, 4th Irish Derby, Gr.1, The Two Thousand Guineas, Gr.1.

122p - QUORTO Champion 2YO Colt in Ireland in 2018. Curragh National S., Gr.1, Newmarket Superlative S., Gr.2, Southend Airport to Lyon 2YO S.

122p - SIR DRAGONET ATC Tancred S., Gr.1, MVRC WS Cox P., Gr.1, Chester Vase, Gr.3, 2d Curragh Tattersalls Gold Cup, Gr.1, Alleged S., Gr.3, Royal Ascot Wolferton S., L, Naas Devoy S., L,

Timeform Ratings Update

"So often the St James's Palace Stakes is a race that confirms the best 3-y-o miler, but with different winners of the 2000 Guineas, Irish 2000 Guineas and this race, that title is very much up for grabs. In Timeform's opinion, the best of the crop so far is King of Comedy (126p) despite the fact he didn't win any of those races.

There are lots of reasons why bare margins between horses at the finish line shouldn't necessarily be taken as a true reflection of merit. Trouble in running, tactics, and the efficiency of how a horse is ridden are just three factors that will affect the bare rating a horse can achieve.

Timeform have been pioneers among ratings compilers in using sectional analysis to inform its ratings and it is for this reason that King of Comedy is rated as the clear pick of the horses that ran in the St James's Palace Stakes. Had he been ridden in a more efficient manner, rather than having to make up more ground than ideal at the end of a race that wasn't truly run, it is Timeform's opinion he would have won comfortably, so he has been rated accordingly."

The Group One G1 St James's Palace Stakes is the sire making race whose winners include King Of Comedy's own sire Kingman as well as Frankel, Shamardal and Giants Causeway. While recent second placegetters of the race include current rising star sires Night Of Thunder and Toronado.

King Of Comedy put in an outstanding effort to finish second beaten a neck by Champion 3YO Miler in France Circus Maximus and half a length ahead of Champion 3YO Colt in Europe Too Darn Hot.

His performance was so blatantly eye-catching that Timeform labelled King of Comedy the best rated 3yo in Europe. The sectional breakdown of the race showed that King Of Comedy finished fastest of all. He also covered at least 3 metres more than Circus Maximus and Too Darn Hot.

PEDIGREE

- At 2 years: Sandown Good Care Group 2YO S. (1400m beating Persian Moon and Topical).
- At 3 years: Sandown Heron S., L (1600m beating Roseman and Sangarius), Yarmouth Eastern Power Systems of Norwich S. (1600m beating Land of Legends and Edarati), 2nd Royal Ascot St James's Palace S., Gr.1 (1600m to Circus Maximus beating Too Darn Hot), Newmarket Joel S., Gr.2 (1600m to Benbatl beating Zaaki), 4th York International S., Gr.1 (2050m).
- At 4 years: 2nd Newbury Diomed S., Gr.3 (1600m to Century Dream beating Zaaki). World Thoroughbred Ratings: 118 (in 2019).

Stud Record

Retired to stud in New Zealand in 2021. His oldest progeny are 2YOs in 2024-25.

Male Line

KINGMAN. Horse of the Year in Europe in 2014. Champion 3YO Colt in Europe in 2014. Leading 3YO Male on the 2014 WTR (Mile). Champion 3YO Miler in France, GB & Ireland in 2014. 7 wins-2 at 2, Irish Two Thousand Guineas, Gr.1, Royal Ascot St James's Palace S., Gr.1, Goodwood Sussex S., Gr.1, Deauville Prix Jacques Le Marois, Gr.1, Newbury Greenham S., Gr.3, Sandown Solario S., Gr.3, 2d The Two Thousand Guineas, Gr.1 Sire of the winners of over \$71 million, 80 stakes winners, 52 stakes placegetters, inc-

Progeny

- DOMESTIC SPENDING (17g. Street Cry; In The Wings). 6 wins, 8f-10f, Belmont Manhattan S., Gr.1, Del Mar Hollywood Derby, Gr.1.
- SCHNELL MEISTER (18c. Soldier Hollow; Highest Honor). 5 wins, 1500-1800m, Tokyo NHK Mile Cup, Gr.1, 2d Tokyo Yasuda Kinen, Gr.1.
- PALACE PIER (17c. Nayef; Night Shift). Champion 3YO Colt in Europe in 2020. 9 wins, 1400-1600m, Deauville Prix Jacques Le Marois, Gr.1-twice.
- PERSIAN KING (16c. Dylan Thomas; Giant's Causeway). Joint Head of the 2020 WTR (Mile). 8 wins, 1600-1800m, ParisLongchamp Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Gr.1.
- KINROSS (17g. Selkirk; Rainbow Quest). Champion Older Male Sprinter in France in 2022. 10 wins, 1200-1600m, Ascot British Champions Sprint S., **Gr.1**.
- **ZARDOZI** (20f. Dubawi; Dalakhani). 6 wins, 1200-2500m, A\$1,407,200, VRC Oaks, **Gr.1**, 2d ATC Australian Oaks, **Gr.1**.
- COMMISSIONING (20f. Galileo; Anabaa). Champion 2YO Filly in GB in 2022. 3 wins, 7f-8f, Newmarket Fillies' Mile, Gr.1, Rockfel S.. Gr.2.
- **SAUTERNE** (20f. Aragorn; Dashing Blade). 5 wins, 1300-1600m, ParisLongchamp Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, **Gr.1**.
- **ELMALKA** (21f. Selkirk; Generous). 2 wins, 7f- 8f, The One Thousand Guineas, Gr.1, 3d Newbury Fred Darling S., **Gr.3**.
- KING COLORADO (20c. More Than Ready; Jade Hunter). 2 wins, 1400-1600m, A\$854,350, BRC JJ Atkins S., Gr.1.
- **FEED THE FLAME** (20c. Montjeu; Kingmambo). 3 wins, 2100-2400m, ParisLongchamp Grand Prix de Paris, Gr.1.
- TECHNICAL ANALYSIS (18f. Sea the Stars; Diktat). 8 wins, 8f-9f, Saratoga Lake Placid S., Gr.2, 2d Saratoga Diana S., Gr.1.
- PUBLIC SECTOR (18c. Montjeu; Warning). 5 wins, 7f-9f, Belmont Hill Prince S., Gr.2.
- SUMMER ROMANCE (17f. Statue Of Liberty; Unbridled's Song). 4 wins, 1200-1800m, Meydan Balanchine S., Gr.2.

- **HABANA** (20f. Speightstown; Lomitas). 3 wins, 1300-1600m, Düsseldorf German One Thousand Guineas, **Gr.2**.
- HEADMAN (16c. King's Best; Sadler's Wells). 4 wins, Deauville Prix Guillaume d'Ornano, Gr.2, Saint-Cloud Prix Eugène Adam, Gr.2.
- SERVE THE KING (16c. Galileo; Brief Truce). 5 wins, 8f-13f, Aqueduct Red Smith S., Gr.2.
- ELIZABETH TOWER (18f. Doyen; Big Shuffle). 2 wins, 1600m, Hanshin Tulip Sho, Gr.2.
- SPARKLING PLENTY (21f. Frankel; Dashing Blade). 4 wins, 1600-1700m, Chantilly Prix de Sandringham, Gr.2.
- CALYX (16c. Observatory; Quest For Fame). 3 wins, 6f, Royal Ascot Coventry S., Gr.2.
- NOBLE STYLE (20g. Pivotal; Red Clubs). 3 wins, 5f-6f, York Gimcrack S., Gr.2.
- FEARLESS KING (17c. Makfi; Hussonet). 3 wins, Köln Mehl-Mülhens Rennen, Gr.2.
- MASEN (18g. Smart Strike; Danehill). 5 wins, 7f- 8f, Belmont Poker S., Gr.3.
- MRS FITZHERBERT (18f. Dynaformer; Caerleon). 4 wins, 1600-1800m, Chantilly Prix Bertrand de Tarragon, Gr.3.
- CHACHNAK (17c. Danehill Dancer; Lycius). 6 wins, ParisLongchamp Prix du Prince d'Orange, Gr.3, Chantilly Prix de Guiche. Gr.3.
- **TURF KING** (20c. Acclamation; Deputy Minister). 3 wins, 8f-81/2f, Woodbine Marine S., **Gr.3**.
- QUEEN PICASSO (20f. Danroad; Kahyasi). 2 wins, 7f-8½f, Belmont Soaring Softly S., Gr.3.
- KINGENTLEMAN (19c. Kendargent; Montjeu). 3 wins, 1200-1600m, Chantilly Prix Texanita, **Gr.3**.
- READY TO VENTURE (18f. Sea the Stars; Alysheba). 6 wins, Woodbine Seaway S., Gr.3.
- REINA MADRE (18f. Falbrav; Bering). 3 wins, 1200-1400m, Deauville Prix Imprudence, Gr.3.
- CORMORANT (17g. Dansili; Dalakhani). 2 wins, 8f-10f, Leopardstown Derby Trial S., Gr.3.
- NOBLE TRUTH (19g. Frankel; Dashing Blade). 4 wins, 7f-7f, Royal Ascot Jersey S., Gr.3.
- MEGALLAN (18c. Champs Elysees; Dubai Destination). 4 wins, Epsom Diomed S., Gr.3.
- **SANGARIUS** (16c. Empire Maker; Danehill). 4 wins, Royal Ascot Hampton Court S., **Gr.3**.
- EPICTETUS (20g. Selkirk; Marchand de Sable). 3 wins, Goodwood Thoroughbred S., Gr.3.
- NOSTRUM (20c. Dubai Destination; Sadler's Wells). 3 wins, Newmarket Tattersalls S., Gr.3.
- MASHHOOR (18g. Montjeu; Kris). 5 wins, 81/4f- 12f, Curragh International S., Gr.3, Orby S., L.
- PARENT'S PRAYER (17f. Exceed and Excel; Spectrum). 3 wins, Epsom Princess Elizabeth S., Gr.3, 2d Naas Park Express S., Gr.3.
- EMISSARY (17g. Sadler's Wells; Alleged). 4 wins, 1700-2400m, Geelong Cup, Gr.3.
- SINAWANN (17g. Anabaa; Lashkari). 3 wins, 1400-1600m, Leopardstown Amethyst S., **Gr.3**.
- **TEMPUS** (16g. Dansili; Sadler's Wells). 8 wins, 1600-1750m, Deauville Prix Quincey, **Gr.3**.
- AGE OF KINGS (20c. Fastnet Rock; Galileo). 2 wins, 6f-7f, Royal Ascot Jersey S., Gr.3.
- REMARQUEE (20f. Champs Elysees; Efisio). 2 wins, 7f-7f, Newbury Fred Darling S., Gr.3.

NORTHERN DANCER

- NARANCO (19c. Galileo; Darshaan). 4 wins, La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte, Gr.3.
- **BOOMER** (17f. Singspiel; Royal Academy). 2 wins, 7f, Goodwood Prestige S., **Gr.3**.
- MARBLING (17f. Dansili; Storm Cat). 3 wins, 1400m, Fairyhouse Brownstown S., Gr.3.
- WALDKONIG (17c. Monsun; Mark Of Esteem). 3 wins, Sandown Gordon Richards S., Gr.3.
- NAUSHA (16f. Galileo; Irish River). 3 wins, 1600-2050m, York Musidora S., Gr.3.
- ALOCASIA (17f. Kingmambo; El Gran Senor). 3 wins, Chantilly Prix Marchand d'Or, L. His sire sons inc Calyx, Fearless King, Sangarius, Chachnak, King of Comedy, etc.

Maternal Grandsire

SELKIRK. Top of The 1991 3YO & 1992 4YO+ European Classifications (1400m - 1800m). Champion Miler in Europe in 1991 & 1992. Champion Older Horse in GB in 1992. 6 wins- 1 at 2, Ascot Queen Elizabeth II S., Gr.1, Goodwood Celebration Mile S., Gr.2, Newbury Lockinge S., Gr.2, Newmarket Challenge S., Gr.2, Goodwood Stardom S., L, Kempton Temple Fortune S., L, 2d Goodwood Sussex S., Gr.1, Kempton Easter S., L, 3d Ascot Queen Elizabeth II S., Gr.1, Lingfield Derby Trial S., Gr.3, Goodwood Predominate S., L, 4th Longchamp Grand Critérium, Gr.1 Third on French Sire list (AEI) in 2011. Sire of the winners of over \$78 million, 96 stakes winners, 56 stakes placegetters. Maternal Grandsire of the winners of over \$127 million - 93 stakes winners - 12 Group One winners inc INSPIRAL, ALBIGNA, KINROSS, BENBATL, DARIYAN, STAR OF SEVILLE, REDKIRK (WARRIOR), TERMAGANT, ELMALKA, MOUNT NELSON, SIMPLY PERFECT, QUIFF, DARKANIYA, etc.

Female Line

1st Dar

- STAGE PRESENCE, by Selkirk. 2 wins at 7f, 8f, 4th Ascot October S., L. Dam of eleven foals, nine to race, eight winners, inc:-
- STAR OF SEVILLE (f. by Duke Of Marmalade). 4 wins-1 at 2-from 1600m to 2100m, €571,400, £71,321, Chantilly Prix de Diane, Gr.1, York Musidora S., Gr.3, Producer.
- ENGLISH BALLET (f. by Danehill Dancer). 2 wins at 2, Newmarket Sweet Solera S., Gr.3, 2d York May Hill S., Gr.2, 3d Ascot Fillies' Mile, Gr.1. Dam of-
- Aunt Bee (Australia). Winner at 10f, Curragh Anglesey Lodge Equine Hospital Fillies S., 3d Leopardstown Nijinsky S., L. Ejaazah (Acclamation). Winner at 2, 2d Sandown Dragon S., L. Producer.
- KING OF COMEDY (c. by Kingman). Subject horse
- Star of Bengal (g. by Oasis Dream). 6 wins from 1600m to 2000m, €101,150, £24,735, in GB and Spain, 2d Bordeaux-Le Bouscat Grand Prix des Provinces, L, 3d Vichy Prix Jacques de Brémond, L.
- Spectacular Show (f. by Spectrum). Winner at 2 in GB. Dam of-
- VALBCHEK (Acclamation). 4 wins at 6f, 7f, £124,320, €3,300, Lingfield Golden Rose S., L, Newmarket Tattersalls Millions 3YO Sprint, 4th Newmarket Hopeful S., L.
- Schroders Mistake (Cable Bay). Winner at 2, 2d Curragh Legacy S., L, 3d Cork S., L, Navan Abergwaun S., **L**.
- Stage Performance (f. by Danehill Dancer). Raced twice. Dam of-
- Stefanini (Sixties Icon). 10 wins to 1400m in Peru, 3d Monterrico Clasico Enrique Martinelli Tizón, L.

2nd Dam

- Park Charger, by Tirol. 2 wins at 8f, 10f, 2d Naas Garnet S., L, 3d Curragh MacDonagh Boland S., L, Fairyhouse Platinum S., L, Leopardstown One Thousand Guineas Trial, L. Dam of 9 foals, all raced, 7 winners, inc:-
- RUM CHARGER (Spectrum). 3 wins-1 at 2-at 6f, 7f, Leopardstown Ballycorus S., Gr.3, Curragh Athasi S., L. Dam of-
- WINCHESTER (Theatrical). 6 wins at 10f, 12f in Ireland and U.S.A, Belmont Joe Hirsch Turf Classic S., Gr.1, Saratoga Sword Dancer Invitational S., Gr.1, Belmont Manhattan H., Gr.1, Arlington Park Secretariat S., Gr.1. Sire.
- MIDDLEBURG (Lemon Drop Kid). 6 wins from 8f to 9f, \$429,760, Monmouth Cliff Hanger S., Gr.3, Red Bank S., Gr.3. Park Romance (Dr Fong). Winner at 2, Newmarket Frank Butters S., 3d Newmarket Sweet Solera S., Gr.3. Grandam of-
- WARNAQ (Arcano). 5 wins from 8f to 16f, Naas Finale S., L, 2d Naas Bluebell S., L. Pakhoes (College Chapel). Winner at 2, Curragh Sara Lee S., 2d Curragh Railway S., Gr.3, Royal Ascot Coventry S., Gr.3.

		INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	GREEN DESERT	DANZIG	PAS DE NOM	7
KINGMAN (GB) B. 2011 GW 7 wins 532f 385r 257w 44sw	B. 1997 GW 7 wins 1997f 1754r 1213w 138sw	B. 1983	FOREIGN COURIER	SIR IVOR COURTLY DEE	8 A4	
		RAFHA B. 1987	KRIS	SHARPEN UP DOUBLY SURE	5 2	
			ELJAZZI	ARTAIUS BORDER BOUNTY	14 7	
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			ZAIZAFON	THE MINSTREL MOFIDA	8 9	
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				BAHAMIAN	MILL REEF SORBUS	22 19
			SHARPEN UP	ATAN	NATIVE DANCER MIXED MARRIAGE	5 2
	SELKIRK Ch. 1988	Ch. 1969	ROCCHETTA	ROCKEFELLA CHAMBIGES	7 5	
	STAGE PRESENCE	GW 6 wins 1026f 842r 534w 96sw	ANNIE EDGE	NEBBIOLO	YELLOW GOD NOVARA	9 19
(IRE) B. 1998	10201 0 121 00 111 0001	Ch. 1980	FRIENDLY COURT	BE FRIENDLY NO COURT	5 15	
1	Wnr 2 wins		TIROL	THATCHING	THATCH ABELLA	5 5
11f 9r 7w 3sw	PARK CHARGER B. 1992 SP 2 wins 9f 9r 7w 1sw	Br. 1987	ALPINE NIECE	GREAT NEPHEW FRAGRANT MORN	14 10	
		HAITIENNE B. 1982	GREEN DANCER	NIJINSKY GREEN VALLEY	8 16	
			HAMADA	HABITAT HELVETIE	4 1	



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- BY KINGMAN Horse of the Year & Champion 3YO Colt in Europe.
- KINGMAN -The BEST son of INVINCIBLE SPIRIT.
- INVINCIBLE SPIRIT Sire of Australia's Leading Sire I AM INVINCIBLE.
- KINGMAN Three quarter brother to OASIS DREAM- the Sire of SHOWCASING and POWER.
- Out of the outstanding producer Stage Presence- Dam of three GROUP ONE performers.
- KING OF COMEDY TIMEFORM 26 June 2019 The Best 3yo in Europe.
- Precocious- Winner of his first start as a 2yo and Winner of three of first four starts including Sandown Heron Stakes.
- Second beaten a neck in the Stallion making G1 St James's Palace Stakes.
- TIMEFORM QUOTE "Bred in the purple and a most taking sort on looks".