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JG: a schedule of Bert's winnings from Dick's narrative description.

BERT PAINE'S WINNINGS FOR THE YEAR:

Preston Park Easter Monday: 3 races, silver tray, pair candelabra, silver-plated soup tureen, kettle and stand.

Portsmouth Whit Monday: gold watch, silver cup, case of dessert knives and forks,

Eastbourne, August Bank holiday: Gold medal (lap prize), silver tray, silver cruet, pair silver candelabra.

Worthing next day: gold medal in 1 mile, case of cutlery, oak salad bowl and servers,

Guernsey: Three prizes which he amalgamated and took in the form of a magnificent gold Albert chain.

Number of races at those meetings: 17 (placed in all of them), prizes 17 (12 1sts)

Portsmouth: marble clock,

Jersey: biscuit cheese and butter stand.

Worthing: 25-mile champ, spirit tantalus, clock.

Brighton: a share in the Hallett cup, and the Fieldwicke Challenge Bowl,

Road: gold medals for 100 miles in 5.42 and 180 miles inside 12 hours, both club records.
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ⁱ In later features Dick Long refers to this as the “Feldwicke” trophy.