

Memories of Annie Oakley

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This affair shortly afterwards reached the ears of the Emperor, and one day there appeared at the exhibition grounds a magnificent equipage bearing the royal arms and a highly decorated individual making inquiry for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler. He bore an invitation for them to wait upon his imperial majesty, and visit the great historic palace of Schonbrunn. The Royal Paradox.

It was there that Annie Oakley received the impression of the paradox of the old monarch's life. Himself thoughtful, simple, friendly and hospitable, but nevertheless receiving them in an ancient citadel, more like a fortress than a home, reeking with memories of intrigues and alarms. Here it was that the great Napoleon dictated the map of Europe to Prussia and Austria, where L'Aiglon died, and where the old Emperor himself passed away from the conflicts after a reign of 68 years.

To her at that time his greatest interest seemed to be in the great Austrian arsenal. And he detailed an escort to show the Butlers over it. And as they went, Annie's last glimpse showed the ancient ruler pouring over papers on his desk, heavy with the cares of a half century of contests and the burden of an imponderable world.

A MIDAVAL ARSENAL

The arsenal was not only one of the most modern and complete in the world—but was at the same time a museum reaching back into the middle ages—an old curiosity shop of obsolete and primitive weapons of the Empire, and her thousand enemies.

One of the most complete was the collection of bullets, marking the improvement of mankilling guns from the harquebas to the Mauser rifle. So bizarre and impossible did those more ancient seem, that Annie could not help expressing great wonder and astonishment. With the consequence that a collection of the best of them were presented to her as a keepsake by the Emperor's orders.

AN OLD GAME IN A NEW SETTING

This was not the only time she

was the guest of the royal house. Shortly after this she had an opportunity of giving a practical demonstration with a shot gun. She went with as formidable an array of shooters as could be found on all the planet to shoot on the Emperor's game preserve. There was Buffalo Bill and Bronco Charlie, Frank Butler and Kid Gabriel—all of whose very existence was a tribute to their marksmanship under critical circumstances. Shooting pheasant during the morning they kept a small army of keepers busy with the bag. And then in the afternoon they were armed with double-barreled sporting rifles and sent to stalk the roebuck.

This was an old game in a new setting—but no great difficulty to those whose only dinner for weeks on end had been venison marketed with the Winchester. However it was about dusk before Annie came upon half a dozen peacefully feeding in a field of wheat. So innocent and trustful was the picture they made against the setting sun, and such a beautiful family group browsing and daintily treading the meadow, that she refused to shoot at all. And so brought back with her a memory of a delightful scene instead of a pair of antlers from the royal preserve of Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria.

Good Putting

Miss Dorothy Brown of Montclair is making a name for herself as a master of the putter, and is getting her scores down towards our record marks. In the ladies putting contest Saturday she bettered her previous performances substantially and won the event with the excellent score of 21 shots for the twelve holes. Three under two is a score that requires the utmost skill and assurance, and sets a high standard for the coming week's play.

J. H. Ehrehart

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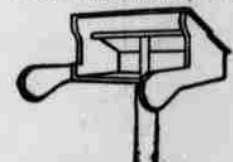
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