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THE ROYAL BOX AT THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE AND A RIFLE CONTEST WITH THE PRINCE OF WALES

How the Grand Duke Michael Lost a Match and a Bride at the Same time at the London Gun Club



exhibition in his match for the all

round championship against Frank Plum, that we fell to discussing famous matches in times gone by. The old hands had many extraordinary things to relate, but Annie Oakley took the first prize. She said that she had herself shot many memorable contests in her time, but none that had gained the publicity and been favored with the unique interest and subsequent history of a challenge she accepted at the London Gun Club during the Queen's jubilee.

box at the Wild West, and gave a party for the assembled flower of the Royal line of Europe, which started the adventure. I had a special program that day, and the novelty of the whole performance and particularly the unusual spectacle of a girl shooting took their interest to such an extent that I was sent for and presented to the company. It was body guard of dukes and field got the idea of tackling me him-Sweden and Italy. The Crown Prince asked me down to Wim-Prince of Germany and the bledon where they had the ranges Prince and Princess of Wales, and the military camp, and we and the Grand Duke Michael took a crack at the running deer. were in the party.

VICTORIA'S "CLEVER LITTLE GIRL"

Well! the Prince of Wales was down hill, and behind rocks and the popular idol of the people at obstacles on the dead run. The the time, and created the most target is just on the front quarimpression upon my fancy-par- ter- and it is considered a disticularly since we became fast grace and cause of a penalty to friends, and had many a shooting hit the hind quarter. Idea of match afterwards. The present course is that such a shot would Kaiser's father was a vigorous wound the animal and still let and kindly man, who received me him escape to misery. with the greatest courtesy, and left the idea which has never been bly the best shot in Europe at the eradicated that he was of an al- time, gave me some confidential together different temperament and careful advice before I took

IT WAS during the from the Kaiser. Queen Victoria big trap shooting was gracious, and said I was a week at Pinehurst, very clever little girl. I was not when Jahn was giv- so very little, and I was a maring his wonderful ried woman, but I suppose the costume gave the impression that I was shooting from the high

"Well! to go on with the story. The Prince of Wales and the Grand Duke Michael both took more than a curious interest in the shooting. The Duke was reputed to be one of the best shots in Russia, and Edward was no slouch with a gun. They wanted me to try it out under their accustomed conditions, and had a regular exhibition staged at the London Gun Club. They were pleased all right. The Prince had a gold medal struck-I have "Queen Victoria herself had a it now some place-with the crest of the club on one side, and an inscription on the other, which

> "You are the Greatest Shot I have ever seen.

> > EDWARD."

THE WIMBLEDON RIFLE CLUB

"I don't suppose I really was, but they took a fancy to the idea of a country girl from the West outshooting their professionals. almost too much - there were I don't believe however that it four kings and five queens, and a was there that the Grand Duke marshalls - Denmark Belgium, self. For a little while later the It wasn't a real deer. They shoot with rifles at 100 yards at a target made like a deer that is "What was my impression? drawn across the country, up and

"Earl D. Gray, who was proba-