

WOMEN PREPARE FOR SLAUGHTER OF BIRDS

English Aristocrats Take Lessons Preparatory to Grouse Shooting in the Highlands. A DEGRADING "SPORT" Trap Shooting at Live Birds, Though Discouraged by the Queen, is Still Prevalent.

LONDON. Grouse shooting opens on the 12th, and long before that date there will begin an exodus of the London aristocracy to the moorlands of Scotland.

It goes without saying that a woman no more than a man can become a first-class shot without an initial amount of practice and experience, and, moreover, unless she has a natural genius for the gun a great markswoman cannot be made.

The West London Shooting School is crowded at this time of the year with women learning the elements of sport with the gun or practicing for the "12th" at the imitation birds, which afford excellent sport for practice.

The correct methods of holding the gun, bringing it to the shoulder and aiming have been studied carefully and mastered before the embryo sports-woman advances any further in her sporting education.

After these initiatory lessons have been thoroughly mastered, the aspiring sports-woman can try her hand at knocking over driven grouse, which is the most exciting and tricky character.

In this position she learns how to take approaching shots, and by wheeling quickly round she can practice at the birds as they go whirling past the mark.

Like Pheasant Shooting Best. Of all classes of sport with the gun, pheasant shooting appeals perhaps more to the average woman than any other.

The method of giving instruction in this sort of sport is a high tower representing a hillside, down which the pheasants would come flying in real sport.

Shooting at these clay birds is really exciting, and if aristocratic women are to be at this there would be no harm done.

NAVAL OFFICER LOST IN AUSTRALIAN BUSH Wanders Aimlessly About for Four Days Suffering From Want of Food and Water.

MELBOURNE. A thrilling story of the privations endured by Engineer Commander Ethelbert Silk, of the cruiser Pyramus, who was lost for five days in the bush near Port Darwin, is told in the papers today.

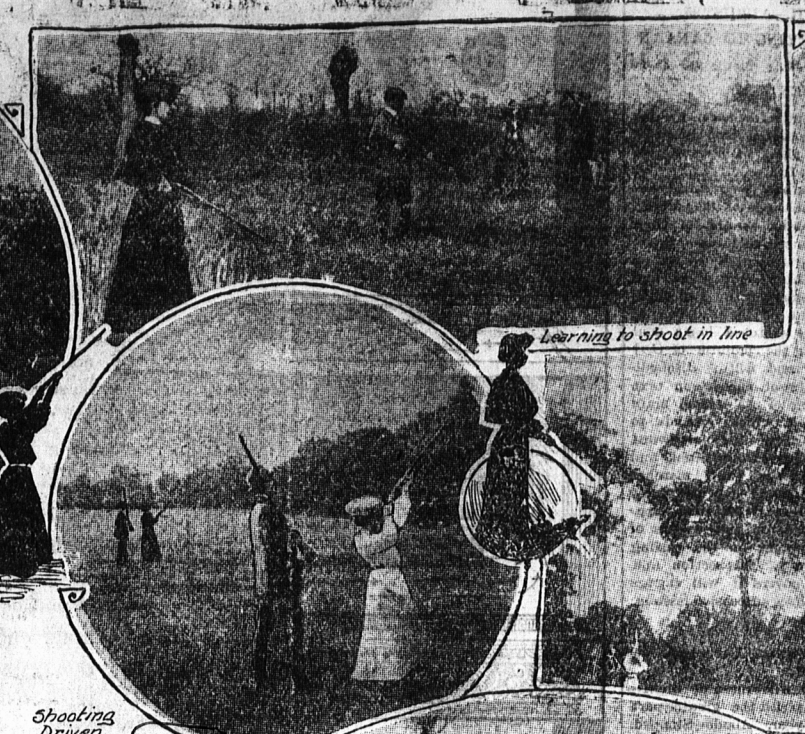
The Pyramus had conveyed Lord Northcote, the governor general, and party to Port Darwin on a tour of inspection.

When dusk set in he found himself hopelessly lost in some mangroves. He obtained some water from a swamp, and during the next two days he continued to wander about.

His position grew more desperate, for besides having had no food, he could not find any water. On the night of the third day rain fell in torrents, and Commander Silk spread his clothes out on the ground and squeezed the water into his mouth.



A "Hot corner" in a Partridge Drive



Learning to shoot in line



Learning to shoot Pheasants at the Tower

SALUTING GEN. BOOTH OLD MAN FALLS DEAD

Pathetic Incident Marks the Tour of Aged Salvation Army Chieftain.

FATE OF WHOLE FAMILY MANCHESTER. As General Booth, who is on a tour of the north of England, was about to enter a church at St. Neots, Hunts, yesterday to speak, William Ibbett, aged 82, a retired merchant, fell dead on the church steps.

Mr. Ibbett had for many weeks been looking forward to General Booth's visit. "I'm thankful I have lived to this day," he said when the crowd, seeing General Booth approaching in his motorcar, shouted, "Here he comes!"

"God has summoned this old comrade of mine at noon today," said General Booth, addressing the spectators. "It makes me question if I should be called tonight. I also am getting old, but I trust when the summons comes, I, too, will have my hand raised at the salute, and will be prepared."

Three of Mr. Ibbett's brothers had suddenly died. Joseph fell dead at 72 while entering a bank, Henry died at 81, and Thomas at 78. Two aged sisters also dropped dead.

UPPER INDIA IN GRIP OF FAMINE AND HEAT British Soldiers Succumb to Apoplexy and Cattle Are Dying From Lack of Food.

LUCKNOW. Intense heat prevails throughout Upper India, and there is a condition of famine. Everywhere the monsoon is being eagerly awaited.

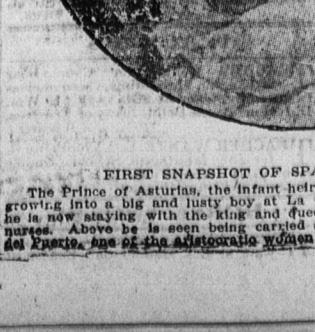
British soldiers to Allahabad and Cawnpore are suffering from apoplexy. Several are reported to have succumbed. Cattle are also dying for want of fodder.

Famine prices prevail in many districts, and people have been driven to the extreme of selling their jewelry in order to buy grain.

A swarm of locusts passed over Lucknow yesterday, and the native inhabitants killed as many as they could and ate them.

Due to the continuation of the drought 500 Mussulmans at Allahabad spent the day in prayer and fasting.

They were beginning to despair when heavy rain fell, and they had to wade through water knee deep before they could reach their homes.



FIRST SNAPSHOT OF SPAIN'S FUTURE KING The Prince of Asturias, the infant heir to the throne of Spain, is rapidly growing into a big and lusty boy at La Granja, the magnificent palace where he is now staying with the king and queen.

STONED TO DEATH, FATE OF EX-MAYOR

Village Curate Arrested for Inciting Crime, Which Was Due to Political Fanaticism.

MILAN. Signor Loglio, ex-Mayor of Barzizza, a village on the outskirts of Bergamo, was barbarously waylaid and stoned to death by political enemies while returning home across a lonely milepath on Thursday night.

Don Domenico Milesi, the village curate, has been arrested on the charge of having instigated the crime. This cleric has given much trouble to the ecclesiastical authorities on account of his notoriety as a political agitator.

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The man, utterly unnerved by this unexpected attack, and believing, probably, that he was blinded for life, gave a shriek and bolted out of the front door. He was, however, captured later on, and is now lying in the local jail awaiting trial.

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"I do not die at all before playing. I eat and drink just what I fancy. The only change in my life I make is in the matter of sleep. I keep early hours and sleep all I can for a few weeks before playing. People who only know lawn tennis as a garden-party game have very, very little notion of the tremendous nerve strain a match like this puts one through. I am supposed to have nerves of steel, and I suppose I have, but before a match I do feel utterly strung up.

"Theoretically, I suppose, one should do everything to cultivate a quick eye, a supple body and strong nerves—or none at all. Practically I guess a champion is a good player aided by anything, except music, but I play other games at home—basketball in particular. I can't understand the fascination of cricket a bit; in fact you are doing something all the time.

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"I'm awfully glad to have won; it's another little feather in America's cap, you see, and I am a patriotic person," she added, as she looked anxiously over to the courts, where another fierce contest was in progress.

BURGLAR CAUGHT BY FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Girls Turns on the Hose and Drenches Him With a Chemical Fluid.

EDINBURGH. A remarkable story of a girl's pluck and resource comes from the far north of Scotland.

Sackville House, Bowen-by-Wick, the residence of Mrs. Sinclair Wemyss, was broken into by a tramp, who is believed to be of German nationality, while the family were at dinner.

The first to discover the intruder was the butler, who, after a great struggle, was knocked down and rendered unconscious.

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OLD AGE ASSURED BY ALMSHOUSE LIFE

English Official Gives Statistics to Show How to Become a Centenarian.

LONDON. The remark of Wynn Westcott, at an Inquest at Bethnal Green, that the best way to prolong life is to retire to a workhouse, is endorsed by poor law administrators.

"We have scores of inmates over 50 years old, and quite a number just about 80 or a little over," an official of one of the largest London workhouses said yesterday.

"We have had centenarians, although we have not one at present, but I have scores of octogenarians who will easily live into the 100 years. Most of the workhouse centenarians are women, and it is undoubtedly a fact that the proportion of centenarians in workhouses is larger than that outside.

"The conditions are ideal. There is regular and good food, regular hours, genial company, medical and nursing attendance, warmth, fresh air and contentment. The way that old people pick up on coming into the workhouse is quite remarkable.

"Old soldiers of 50 or 60 come in almost at the point of collapse. They are often broken down owing to want of food and excess of alcoholic liquor. But after a few months of workhouse life they generally recover, and some of them live on for twenty years or more.

"The latest returns for the metropolis show that there were last year nearly 50,000 men and women over 50 years of age in the London workhouses. Of these, 12,211 were between 55 and 70 years of age; 8,209 were between 75 and 80 years of age, and 4,662 were over 80 years of age. The returns omit the most picturesque figures—those of inmates between 90 and 100 or over 100, but I believe that there are several centenarian workhouse inmates in London."

CHINA, AWAKENED, MAY ATTACK RUSSIA

War Correspondent in East Says She Will Soon be Strong as Japan.

ST. PETERSBURG. The newspaper Retch was confiscated today for publishing an article by M. Klimkoff, the well-known war correspondent.

M. Klimkoff says that China is awakening, and by organizing her army and fleet is preparing for war; she is, too, improving her ways and communications, and Japanese officers are swarming throughout Manchuria.

The article further says that the relations between the Russians and Chinese are extremely hostile. The Chinese Government have forbidden the Russians to hunt on the Chinese bank of the Amur, and will not allow the sale of cattle to them. Moreover, Chinese officers refuse to have anything to do with the Russian generals.

M. Klimkoff concludes: "The symptoms of coming war are only too evident. China will soon become as strong as Japan."

BLOOD OF SWINE IS NEW CURE FOR CANCER

Satisfactory Results Secured in the Experiments of a Berlin Scientist.

OULDIA IS AIDED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

Position and Environments of the Famous Author Pathetic in the Extreme.

DOG'S ARE HER PETS Owing to Hardships She Has Gone She is Now Almost Entirely Blind.

MILAN. Signor Rava, minister of public instruction, moved to compassion by the details of Oulda's miserable condition, has commissioned Count Brizio, the prefect of Lucca, to pay a visit of sympathy and to express Italy's readiness to render her any acceptable assistance.

The illustrious novelist, who is now able to leave her bed for a few hours daily, is deeply touched by this act of thoughtfulness on the part of the land she so much loves, though she says she cannot bear the idea of living on charity.

Her sole nourishment is commensal with bread once a day and fish thrice weekly. Her wardrobe consists of a single change of raiment.

The pathos of the situation is intensified when one recalls the little out-of-the-way village in which she resides, and in that which, under the name of Santa Rosalia, Oulda made famous in her perhaps her finest romance, "A Rural Commune."

RIOTERS AND POLICE IN FIERCE CONFLICT

Political Demonstration in Sicilian Capital Leads to a Serious Disturbance.

PALERMO. The police having forbidden the demonstration in favor of Signor Nitti, which it was intended to hold yesterday afternoon in the Bellini Theater, a crowd of demonstrators burst into the university and held the meeting there.

In the attempt to disperse the crowd several policemen, carabinieri and citizens were slightly injured.

In the evening the crowd again attempted to hold a demonstration in the Strada del Quattro Canti. Among the rioters were many old jailbirds. The crowd to "move on" was answered with hisses and groans and showers of stones by which some officials and police were hurt. Suddenly two revolvers were fired from the balcony of a house. The police returned the shots, and the crowd dispersed.

A young music teacher named Pinturo, aged 25, was killed in the riot, and several rioters and policemen received bullet wounds. Order was finally re-established.

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