

SWARM OF SOCIAL SPONGERS

Americans Responsible for Horde of Exalted Parasites.

SCANT REQUITAL FROM ROYALTY

Lady Mary Describes How Princess Enjoyed Herself at Expense of Others—Silent Smith's Widow.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—(Special).—Americans prominent in English society are notorious for the costliness of their entertainments and the lavishness of their hospitalities.

But they are responsible for a lot of meanness on the part of several royalties and other exalted personages when titles assure them social position.

Most Blended to Give. The Americans did not play the game that way. They applied the Biblical rule that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

They were never more in evidence than during last season. Day in and day out, night after night, they went from one social function to another without ever attempting anything in the way of hospitality on their own account.

A lady-in-waiting showed me the other day the list of a princess's engagements from June last to the end of the first week of August and this is something like what I read:

For June there were appointments for twenty-five dinners, most of them being at the houses of Americans, and South African millionaires and certain members of the British aristocracy.

During the whole season her own hospitalities amounted to two small dinner parties of twenty-five people each.

There is a well-known and immensely popular severe highness, one of the smartest bachelors in town, whose invitations come by the score and who is feted and welcomed everywhere, yet has never given a cup of tea to his friends.

King Edward always makes some return for the hospitalities he receives, but there are members of his family who practically recognize no such obligation.

The czar's sister, the Grand Duchess Olga, has for a long time given her admiration and affection to American women.

Duchess Rabid Democrat. Her imperial highness is a rabid democrat, and it is said she and her brother, the emperor, have in consequence of her opinions not been on speaking terms for months.

Mrs. Jamba Henry Smith with her young daughter, Anita Stewart, was now residing at Pyl House, Tisbury, Wiltshire, with Mrs. Anthony Drexel, who has abandoned a number of country house visits in England in order to be with her sister, who is still in great grief over the death of her husband and refuses to be comforted.

Mrs. Smith makes a pathetic figure in her deep mourning. Had Mrs. Smith been an English woman she would by this time have lightened considerably her "weeds."

Anita Stewart, who was to have been presented at court last spring with her cousin, Margaretta Drexel, will make her bow early in the new year under the wing of her aunt, Mrs. Anthony Drexel.

Artist Greatly Honored. Mrs. Leslie Cotton, the American artist who recently received a commission to paint a portrait of the king, has just been honored by an order to paint Queen Alexandra.

Law Suit Over a Princess. DRESDEN, Saxony, Oct. 5.—The Saxon government has instituted proceedings before the Italian courts demanding that Signora Toselli, the ex-crown princess of Saxony and her husband, Signor Toselli, be ordered to deliver up the little Princess Anne Monica Pia, youngest daughter of the former crown princess, to representatives of the king of Saxony.

Grand Old Man of the British Bench



LORD BRAMPTON.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—(Special).—As vigorous as ever mentally, though somewhat enfeebled physically by age, Lord Brampton, better known to the world as Sir Henry Hawkins, the most famous of modern English judges, has just celebrated his ninetieth birthday.

His success, however, was not rapidly attained. For some years after his call to the bar his income did not exceed an average of \$50 per annum.

What he was like in his cross-examining prime may be instanced by Foss v. Brock's case, narrated in his own reminiscences.

As a Judge he had a great reputation for severity which was not altogether deserved. He could temper justice with mercy.

It was to the chronic criminal and the brutal evil-doer, especially if he had wronged a woman, that Judge Hawkins was a terror.

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WEALTHY TIRE OF SLAUGHTER

Remarkable Falling Off in Number of Rich American Sportsmen.

SCOTTISH MOORS LEFT UNLEASED

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But there are those who declare that the rich American who visits England is getting wise. They say that, having once a grouse in Scotland at a cost of \$15 or \$20 apiece, the American sportsman is quite inclined to remain at home and chase game that is really wild, at an insignificant cost.

Among the Americans who are enjoying their shooting season in Scotland are few newcomers. There is, as usual, the old guard of the Eradley Martins, Phipps, Ogden, Carnegie.

Andrew Carnegie of Skibo has, in addition this year, taken over the shootings of Phobes in Inverness from the estate of the late "Silent Smith."

Charles W. Ogden of New York, who each year takes a different moor, has succeeded H. W. Phipps at Beaufort castle, and also in the shooting of Frankland.

Harry Payne Whitney has had some grouse shooting, but not in Scotland. He



EARL DE GRAY. He of the Best Shots in England, Who Has Had Four Dead Pheasants in the Air at One Time.

Now slaughtering partridges and other game in Yorkshire, where he has leased the Middleton estate. Among his guests have been H. N. Harriman and Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney.

Some score of small moors are rented by Americans in Scotland and Yorkshire, Wales and Ireland, but the sport there is largely of the order termed "rough shooting" and the places have been rented as much for the fox-shooting season which is soon to begin as for the shooting.

The duke and duchess of Roxburgh have had large shooting parties at Byreclough Lodge in Berwickshire which included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goelt.

Modern Shoot a Slaughter. The modern shoot is well named a "battering."

Nowadays in grouse shooting the guns station themselves in three or four batts or turf shelters specially constructed here and there on the moors.

The crack shots of England, Earl de Grey, Lord Walsingham and the prince of Wales, are really wonderful with the hot gun and the rifle, too.

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is and that it is not hunted in the American fashion. Lord Walsingham in one day shot 1,070 grouse, the world's record. As readers may remember this is the man who hobby is to shoot wasps on the wing with a miniature rifle.

Record of Earl de Grey. Earl de Grey holds a marvellous record—that of having four dead pheasants in the air at one time—fast shooting, indeed, considering that he had to give and take a gun from his loader in order to fire the four shots.

Mention of women brings me to the third outstanding feature of this year's shooting season. Women are very much labored. Up to the present year women have been very much wanted at shooting parties.

She was the center of a battue when dead, wounded and bleeding pheasants rained on her; wounded hares crept to the shelter of her skirts in their dying agony.

Women Good Shooters. The three crack women shots of England, Mrs. Asquith, Lady Beatrice Pole-Carew and the marchioness of Graham, have never been seen in a "drive" since this season.

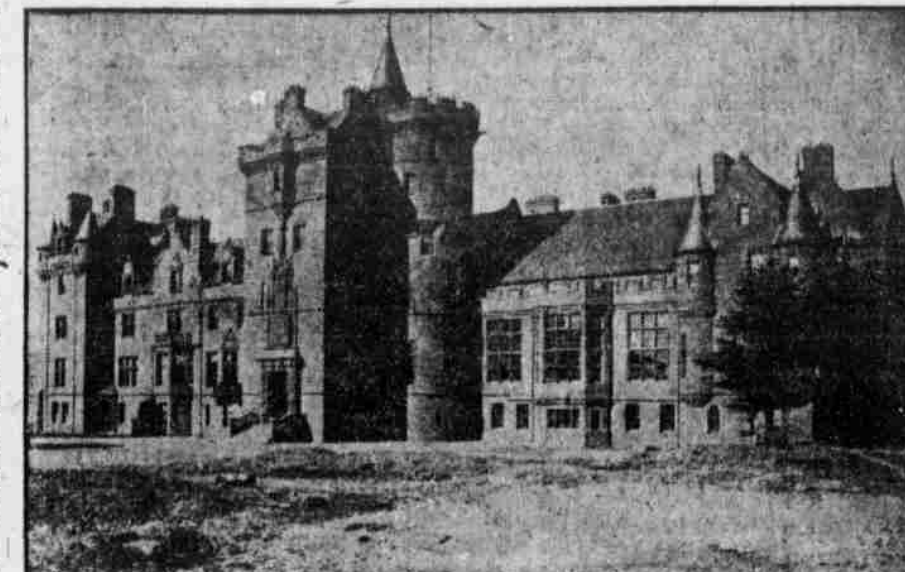
The shooting lodge has proved more popular this year than the occupancy of the big castle which stands somewhere on the Scotch moor.

In a few weeks from now the grouse and black game and hares will be given a rest and a chance to get fat again for future slaughter and the hunters will go after red deer in the Scotch forests.

But from authentic reports of the best known sporting estate agents, both the shooting and deer stalking seasons this year will be failures if the viewpoint is taken of the output of American dollars.

The fox hunting season promises better things, for in England Americans are negotiating for houses in the neighborhood of the crack packs of hounds.

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The Ak-Sar-Ben Piano Sale at HAYDEN BROS. In which they started to dispose of Four Hundred and Ninety Pianos, bought from the receiver of the BAILEY PIANO CO., OF NEW YORK. Has been very successful. Although the number sold has been large, we are disappointed, because we expected (THE PRICES BEING SO LOW and the QUALITY OF THE PIANOS SO HIGH) to sell every one during AK-SAR-BEN WEEK. Pianos sold for less than the cost of the materials that is put in them. That is what we will do in order to sell every Piano that is now on our floors. We have about 100 of the Bailey Piano Co. Stock left, and besides these, we have slashed the prices on all our regular stock, which will make this a real Piano Buyer's Opportunity. During This Sale you will get the opportunity of buying a piano of the highest quality at the price that some dealers are getting for second hand pianos: Hayden Bros. guarantee every piano that is sold by them and cheerfully will they refund every cent if the instrument is not just as represented. It is our duty to BEAUTIFY THE HOME AND EDUCATE THE CHILDREN and a pleasure to ENTERTAIN YOUR FRIENDS AND AMUSE YOURSELF. Why not do it in the best way? Buy a piano. You will never have another chance that can or will equal this one in the saving of money, the quality of TONE or the BEAUTY of case design that you get during this, THE GREATEST MONEY SAVING PIANO SALE in the HISTORY OF THE WEST. PRICES THAT TALK Below are figures to show the low prices. For you to realize the great value we are giving, you will have to see the Pianos. Come and let us show you. 1 Upright Sterling, mahogany case... \$75.00 1 Upright Emerson, ebony case... \$80.00 1 Upright Vose & Sons, burl walnut case, \$85.00 1 Upright Bailey, golden oak case... \$132.00 1 Upright Haines Bros, mahogany case, \$145.00 1 Upright Hardman, mahogany case... \$150.00 1 Upright Behr Bros., walnut case... \$165.00 1 Upright Kranich & Bach... \$175.00 1 Upright Estey, butternut case... \$115.00 1 Estey, Mahogany, used one year... \$205.00 Square Pianos—\$10, \$15, \$18, \$20, \$25... \$35 Organs—\$3, \$5, \$8, \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$20, \$22.50, \$25