SWARM OF SUCIAL 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. They don't care how much money they spend to gratify their social ambition. To "get there," as an American friend of mine phrases it, is the one thing that counts. They do "get there" and they stay there, and they never grumble at the price they pay for social eminence. They are often accused of vulgarity, but never of meanners. That is not an American

But they are responsible for a lot of meanness on the part of several royalites and other exalted personages when titles assure them social position. Time war, before the advent of the American multimillionaire and multi-millionairess when it was a recognized rule of English society that some return should be made for hospitalities accepted. Otherwise the hospitalities were apt to cease.

Most Blessed 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. So long as the recipients of their hospitalities conferred social prestige by their presence they didn't care whether or no they got any return in kind. South African magnates adopted the same methods and so did others who were willing to utilize their wealth to get into the so cial swim. This has led to the development of a glorified class of social 'spongers," who reverse the Biblical adage and apparently succeed in getting a lot of enjoyment out of life at other folk's expense.

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' engagements from June last to the end-of the first week of August and this is something like what

For June there were appointments for twenty-five dinners, most of them being at the houses of Americans, and South African millionalises and certain members of ern English judges, has just celebrated the British aristocracy. She had accepted his ninetieth birthday. The son of a counengagements for fifteen afternoon parties, try solicitor, he is one of the few innine dances and nine invitations to occupy boxes at the opera. For July she was six day and night. The first week in August fitted him to excel. she spent on board a yacht at Cowes as the guest of a rich American.

What Princess Gave in Return.

During the whole season her own hospitalities amounted to two small dinner parties of twenty-five people each. They were given two nights in succession in order that the same floral decorations might do for both. Her royal highness also discovered that by engaging extra service for two nights instead of one she got it at a

There is a well-known and immensely popular serene highness, one of the smartest bachelors in town, whose invitations come by the score and who is feted and to a baronetcy, put the finishing touches to his fame as a lawyer.

The acup of tea to his friends. But he is if What he was like in his cross-examining welcomed; indeed, the desire to secure him for functions grows more ardent and the rivalry more keen, and this among the richest and foremost people in society. King Edward always makes some return for the hospitalities he receives, but there are members of his family who practically and Potto had heard Hawkins cross-exam-

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. She has been touring about through Switzerland, Germany and Austria during the last three or four months and has always sought out Americans whom she regards as "the only people worth cultivating." Mrs. Glas-I hear she has invited her and her husband and small daughter-the latter was voted the prettiest child at Marienbad this sea-

son-to pay her a long visit in Russia. 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 months. She is fascinating and vivacious and a wonderful dresser. Her uncle by marriage, King Edward, himself something of a democrat, ventured, however, to ask herself so definitely on social questions in the presence of strangers.

Mrs. James Henry Smith with her young daughter. Anita Stewart, is now residing at Pyt House, Tisbury, Wiltshire, with brutal evil-doer, especially if he had Mrs. Anthony Drezel, 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 busband and refuses to be comforted. Mrs. Smith makes a pathetic figure in her deep mourning. Had Mrs. Smith been whipped out a pocketbook and read withan English woman she would by this time out a smile: "Prisoner said when charged, have lightened considerably her "weeds." We cannot fall to admire the great re- or he will bring down my hairs in sorrow spect which the American widows always show "the late lamented." It is surprising that English women who imitate their A prisoner who came before him for trial transatiantic sisters in almost everything, first pleaded guilty, then withdrew that do not follow them in this respect. The typical English hate mourning with the result that year by year it grows lighter and is worn for shorter periods.

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

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. His majesty was so pleased with his own portrait, though unfinished, that he has written Mrs. Leslie Cotton to hold herself in readiness to come to Sandringham in the late autumn to execute her majesty's picture.

It is to Mrs. Hall Walker, who is a great friend of King Edward that Mrs. Leslie Signora Toselli, the ex-crown princess of Cotton owes these handsome commissions. The American artist was presented to the king at Marienbad by this lady and as the king boasts, "he never refuses a lady anything," he forthwith did, as Mrs. Wal-

Grand Old Man of the British Bench



LORD BRAMPTON.

"You be hanged," while a bishop could

He always kept his hair clipped close and

that, combined with his pugnacious cast of

appearance. On one occasion he was re-

turning from the race track in a crowded

train. Three or four sports, somewhat the

worse for liquor and looking for trouble.

entered the compartment in which the judge

was seated and began to take liberties with

him. Confident that if he gave them a

good view of himself they would recognize

him and be terrified at their temerity, he

removed his hat and, looking his sternest,

said. "Don't you know who I am?" The

worst of the offenders looked at his square

jaw and close-cropped head and shrank into

a corner exclaiming, "S'elp me, Bob-a

His is truly a green old age, for he is

still able to take an interest in all his old

of racing and one of the few judges who

have never been elected to the Jockey club

bloomin' 'prize fighter!"

man, 'You be hanged' he is hanged."

LONDON, Oct. 5 .- (Special.) -As vigor- a thief. Now the jury says you are a liar. Consequently you are discharged." ous as ever mentally, though somewhat en-Equally good was his refort to a bishop grouse shooting, but not in Scotland. He daughter of the late Marshall Field. They feebled physically by age, Lord Brampwho claimed that the Episcopal office was ton, better known to the world as Sir superior to the judicial, inasmuch as the most a judge could say to a man was,

Henry Hawkins, the most famous of modsay "You be damned." "Yes," replied Lord Brampton, "but when I say to a stances of a greatly successful man, who, at the very start of his career, struck and seven deep in engagements for every the line in which his natural powers best features, gave him a decidedly pugilistic

His success, however, was not rapidly attained. For some years after his call to the bar his income did not exceed an average of \$500 per annum. But a few years after he was made g queen's counsel, at the age of 31, his law practice was bringing him in \$80,000 a year. His acceptance of a judgeship when he was 59 involved a great pecuniary sacrifice on his part, for his official salary was only \$25,000. As counsel he figured in most of the important cases of his time. The part he played in the great Tichborne case, in which he thoroughly exposed the fraudulent pretensions of the plebeian claimant

prime may be instanced by Potto Brown's case, narrated in his own reminiscences. Potto was a miller from whom corn had been stolen, but when he should have appeared in the witness box he was not to be found. Hawkins was for the defense, ine in the case before his own. So he drove off in his trap as fast as his nag could carry him, leaving behind this parting message: "If Hawkins wants me he will have to find me out and fetch me. I'm d-d if I'm going to be cross-examined by him if I know it! I'm off. Tell him what I say, 'ostler."

As a judge he had a great reputation gow is one of her special friends, and new for severity which was not altogether deserved. He could temper justice with mercy. In capital cases it was his custom to postpone sentences until all the prisoners had been tried, so that he might look through his notes with a view to making the most of extenuating circumstances. "Don't pay any attention to what I am going to read," he said in sentencing to opinions not been on speaking terms for death (without the black cap) a poor girl who had killed her child. "No harm will be done to you. I am sure you did not know, in your great sorrow and trouble, what you were doing; and I will take care her to be "discreet" and not to express to make such representations concerning your case, in the proper quarters, that no harm shall befall you in the way of puntehment."

It was to the chronic criminal and the wronged a woman, that Judge Hawkins was a terror. At the Old Bailey a policeman who was giving evidence against a prisoner on trial before Judge Hawkins, was asked what the man had said when was first charged. The constable 'God grant I be not tried before 'Awkins, to the grave." Even the judge laughed. Innumerable stories of his wit are told plea and declared himself innocent. The jury acquited him. Said the judge: "Pris-

That Mrs. Leslie Cotton will have her

oner, a few minutes ago you said you were

She is a very bright, pretty girl and is, hands full when she is depicting Queen of course, enormously rich. She, too, still Alexandra goes without saying. Her majwears black for her late step-father, esty is most fastidious and her portraits The postponement of her presentation was have to be altered again and again before great disappointment to her, as she and she is pleased with them. Last year she her cousin Margaretta had looked forward long been a great favorite in the royal to their first season together. It was at family, but the picture did not give satisthe time urged upon Mrs. Smith not to faction and though the artist tried again day it, but that lady having a very cor- and again she could not win the queen's cot estimate of the fitness of things, with sat to a well known miniaturist who has good taste determined that her daughter approval of her work. Much to her majshould not appear on the social horison esty's chagrin the miniature was reproduced in some of the society papers, whereupon the painter received notice that she must "on no account" again have it published. The miniature in question made her majesty look years older than she appears in her photographs, which are always carafully touched up. Needless to say, this artist will never get another commission LADY MARY. from the queen.

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

WEALTHY TIRE OF SLAUGHTER

Remarkable Falling Off in Number of Rich American Sportsmen.

SCOTTISH MOORS LEFT UNLEASED

Less Than Half Dozen, Notable Hen Have Become Tenants of Ground Preserves-Carnegle on

LONDON, Sept. St - (Special.)-There are three outstanding features of the present shooting season in Britain. Chief of these is the fact that there are fewer Amer: caus spending their tens of thousands of dollars in leasing grouse moors and gamshoolings than for some years past. The agents who rent shootings to mil-Honaires celieve that this is due to the we

spring and summer in the British Isles. which is also responsible for another feature of the shooting season-the scarcity and backwardness of game. But there are there who declare that th rich American who visits England is gettly wise. They say that, having once o ground in Scotland at a cost of \$15 or \$3, apiece, the American spectshan is qui

game that is really wild, at an insignifican Among the Americans who are enjoying their sheeting season in Scotland are fenewcomers. There is, as usual, the old

satisfied to remain at home and the

guard of the Bradley Martins, Phipps, Ogdons, Carnegie. Of these Henry Phipps is entertaining the usual large house party at Glenquoich, Inverness-shire, and the Bradley Martins England. have their regular full quota of shooters at Balmacaan in the same shire. Of course,

Lord and Lady Craven are to the fore Bradley Martin, jr., has this year leased Fetteresso castle, Kincardineshire, which

has splendld moors. Andrew Carnegie of Skibo mas, in addition this year, taken over the shootings of

Phones in Inverness from the estate of the women who have urged their husbands late "Stlent 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 Fanblair. The principal newcomers are Clarence H. Mackay, who has leased Ballyoukan and also Lude near Blair Athol, in Perthshire and Captain Cloman, United States military attache to the court of St. James. Captain Cioman has rented Flowerdale in Ross-

Harry Payne Whitney has had some



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

now slaughtering partridges and other ame in Yorkshire, where he has leased ie Middleton estate. Among his guests ave been H. N. Harriman and Mr. and irs. Payne Whitney.

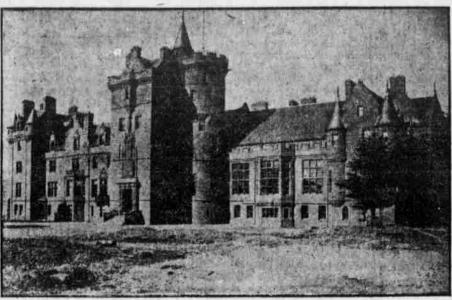
The many moors owned by the late "Silent Smith" have been sold or leased by his estate, the principal shooting. Dunachton Moors, going to Joseph Watson, the millionaire soap manufacturer of

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 frough shooting" and the places have been rented as much for the fox-shooting season which is soon to begin as for the shooting.

But Mere are in Scotland on the big and famous grouse moors many American to go in for shooting this season. In some Instances the husbands of these American women own the places. For years they were obliged to rent them at goodly sums for the sake of the income. But now with the American dollars supplied by their wives this is no longer a necessity.

The duke and duchess of Roxburgh have had large shooting parties at Byre cleuch Lodge in Berwickshire which in cluded Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goelet.

Captain and Mrs. David Beatty are again at Invercauld. Mrs. Beatty was a



BEAUFORT CASTLE-LEASED BY CHARLES W. OGDEN. Scotch Seat, Which the Rich New Yorker Has Leased for the Shooting

Balmoral and the king has entertained their guest at a day's shooting at In-

vercauld. Lord Willoughby de Eresby, who married Miss Eloise Breese, has taken over his own estate, Glenartney, in Perthahire, after

an absence of some years. A. H. Lee, M. P., who was a great Washington favorite when military attache some years ago, has replaced J. S. Phipps in the shooting of Glendoe, in Inverness shire. Lord Fitzhardings has this year the shooting at Nover, which was for-merly in the occupation of the late Colonel H. Payne, uncle of the Payne Whitneys. Captain Spender-Clay, who married Pauline Astor, is shooting this season at Cabrach lodge, Banfishire, with Lord Berke-

There are in all 2,400 grouse moors in Scotland. This year but a tiny percentage are being shot over by Americans. So say the agents, and it surprises them to say so. It is the rich Londoner who is doing the spending of the money in Scotland this year. There are also a good many moors which have not rented.

Grouse Most Expensive. Grouse this year will cost the sports-man who is the host and footing the bill of each moor, anything between \$10 and 400 a bird. The increased cost is due to the scarcity. When the season officially opened last month grouse sold in the markeis as high as \$6 apiece, but are now down to \$1.50.

In the expenses one must not alone moors bring in a rental of two and a at Rufford abbey. half million dollars for the season of a cost of the establishment.

With half a dozen guests who shoot there would be half a dozen or more servover the hills and glens on pony-back twenty miles or more. In this way coal which should cost \$5 a ton amounts to \$25 before it is delivered.

Railway charges for transportation of an be send that for a "stag" party the st is six times the price of the rent. If est is anything from ten times the rent !

Modern Shoot a Slaughter. The modern shoot is well named a "bat-It is slaughter indeed. An Amerian resident of London, who ought to .now, told me the other day that Amerians after their first season at shooting in ling the national school houses as bedingland become disgusted at the "sport," nd therein lies the secret of the fallure

lavishly this shooting season. Nowadays in grasse shooting the guns tation themselves in three or four butts r turf shelters specially constructed here and there on the moors. Then the beaters | beds take their place. irive the game to them. The pheasant shoots are even greater slaughters. The portsman in the United States hunts his game and shoots it when he or his dog jush it. In such hunting there is grand exercise, and one is on the tiptoe of expectation all the time. But here the shot s given a station and pheasants, rabbits, hares, all manner of game are driven toward the guns. The shooting is fast and furious, but at close quarters and the game is so tame and so thick that if any slaughter indulged in by only the rich. shot gun and the rifle, too. Yet their

are King Edward's nearest neighbors at is and that it is not hunted in the Americ can fashion. Lord Walsingham in one them to dinner at the castle and also been | day shot 1,070 grouse, the world's record, As readers may remember this is the man whose hobby it is to shoot wasps on the wing with a miniature rifle. The prince of Wales has no record as yet, but he is conceded to be the third best shot in this country. He can shoot in any kind of position, but his favorite is to hold his gun far out on the barrel with his left hand.

Record of Earl de Gray.

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. Earl de Grey is the great friend of King Edward. He always stands behind the king and if his majesty misses, Earl de Grey accounts for the bird or hare. His wife was the widow of the late Lord Lonsdale, the tallest woman in her day and the greatest beauty of England. She does not shoot, but there are many other noted women in England

who do. Mention of women brings me to the third outstanding feature of this year's shooting season. Women are very much tabooed. Up to the present year women have been very much wanted at shooting parties. They helped to enliven things in the evenings and on such stormy days when shooting was impossible or unpleasant. Last year it may be remembered Queen Alexandra accompanied King Edcount the rent of the moor. The Scotch | ward when the latter was a shooting guest

She was the center of a battue when few weeks. But in addition to one's rent dead, wounded and bleeding pheasants of several thousand dollars there is the rained on her; wounded hares crept to the shelter of her skirts in their dying agony. A good deal was heard about this scene in the newspapers, especially the ants. Then come automobiles, horses and American papers. The publicity and contraps, outdoor servants, the gamekeepers, demnation made the king very angry and the "gillies" or under-keepers, the beaters, he issued orders that in future women who are usually the shepherds, and their | would not be persons grata at the covertfamilies at \$1.50 per day each, and with side except when luncheon was spread, fifty or sixty of these the total swells The prince of Wales Issued the same edict, quickly. Then comes the item of supplies. and in consequence this year all the These in most cases have to be brought smartest shooting gatherings have been "stag" affairs so far as the actual sport was concerned.

Women Good Shooters.

The three crack women shots of Engthe party, the horses, carriages and so land, Mrs. Asquith, Lady Beatrice Poleon, is very high. Carefully calculated, it Carew and the marchioness of Graham have not been seen in a "drive" once this season. And amid the shooting lodges of dies are included in the party then the Scotland there have been few women.

The shooting lodge has proved mora popular this year than the occupancy of the big castle which stands somewhere on the Scotch moor. But the accommodation of the lodges is usually limited, to the spectacle is seen throughout Scotland of the shooters or their servants occupyrooms. It happens to be the vacation time in Scotland and the scattered little f Americans to spend their good dollars school houses are generally near to the shooting. The various school boards are glad to get the few dollars' rental offered for a week or two's use and so the scholars' forms are piled in a corner and 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, Nearly all the Americans who have rented Scotch estates for the season have got both moor and stag deer forest. There are in the woods plenty of fallow deer, but these are killed off by the crofters, for they are greedy for young vegetation. But from authentic reports of the best one missed one shot he is almost bound to known sporting estate agents, both the hit something else. From the American shooting and deer stalking seasons this viewpoint it is not sport, but a licensed year will be failures if the viewpoint in taken of the output of American dollars. The crack shots of England, Earl de The fox hunting season promises better Grey, Lord Walsingham and the prince things, for in England as well as Ireland of Wales, are really wonderful with the many noted Americans are negotiating for houses in the neighborhood of the crack bags prove how tame and thick the game packs of hounds. MAYNARD EVANS.

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