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THE MURDERED EMPRESS.

LIFE OF ELIZABETH OF AUSTRIA, RECENTLY ASSASSINATED.

She Wedded Franz Josef When She Was 16 Years Old, Was a Beautiful Woman and the Emperor Was Devoted to Her—Very Little to Do With Public Affairs.

Empress Elizabeth of Austria has been conspicuous for many years in Europe for the persistent efforts she has made to avoid the official duties and functions pertaining to her position, and to lead her own life in her own way. This has led to many accusations of eccentricity against her, and at times to suspicion as to her sanity, which was strengthened by the fact that she was a member of the Wittelsbach family, in which insanity has broken out repeatedly, the two best known cases of late years being the late King Ludwig II. and the present mad King Otto.

Her father was Maximilian Joseph, head of the Birkenfeld-Zweibrucken branch of the family, which before the French revolution ruled as independent sovereigns over a small fragment of German territory. Since that time its lands have remained incorporated in the kingdom of Bavaria, while the family has retained its royal rank, its members being entitled Dukes and Duchesses in Bavaria, in Baiern. It was so far removed from the succession to the throne that Duke Maximilian was able to give his children a sensible and unroyal education in the country, so that nearly all of them, as they grew up, showed character and independence and a readiness to do things that other princes do not generally do. The Empress's eldest brother is Duke Karl Theodor, who, after studying at a physician and an oculist,

has established a private hospital on the Tegernsee, and has the reputation of being one of the best oculists living. Another brother gave up his rights to the succession in order to marry the woman he loved. One sister was the plucky ex-Queen of Naples, who tried to make a man of the imbecile Francis II., another was the Duchesse d'Alencon, who perished in the Bazar de Charite fire in the Rue Jean Gonjon at Paris last year, and who, when a girl, refused to become Queen of Bavaria by marrying Ludwig II.

The murdered Empress was the second daughter of Duke Maximilian, and was born on Christmas eve of 1837. She was therefore in her sixty-first year. Late into middle life she was held to be one of the most beautiful women in Europe, and she was particularly proud of her long hair, falling to the ground, which she was fond of wearing loose, even on public occasions. She was but a few months over 16 years of age, when she was married to the Emperor Franz Josef, in April, 1854. A romantic story is told of the marriage, which, on the Emperor's part at least, was a love match. His mother, the Archduchess Sophia, had decided that he should marry the eldest daughter of Duke Maximilian, who subsequently became Princess Thurn und Taxis, and Franz Josef, who throughout his life has been an easy-going man, was ready to comply with her wishes. He therefore visited his future father-in-law preparatory to the announcement of the engagement, but, before meeting his destined bride, caught sight of a young girl, hardly more than a child, in the woods, and

FELL VIOLENTLY IN LOVE with her at once. On finding out that she, too, was a daughter of the Duke, he insisted that she should be his wife, and had his will in spite of his mother's objections. The young Empress was received coldly by her mother-in-law and by the court at Vienna. She found the etiquette and ceremonial irksome after the open-air life to which she had been accustomed, and never became reconciled to it. Her disinclination to submit to formalities increased in later life, so that in recent years she had rarely appeared at any court functions. She preferred Budapest and Hungary, where the restrictions were not so great, to Vienna. As a result, she was never popular in the Austrian capital.

She bore her husband four children, of whom two daughters are now living: the Archduchess Gisela, married to Prince Leopold, second son of the Prince Regent of Bavaria, and the Archduchess Valerie, married to the Archduke Franz Salvator of the Tuscan branch of the Hapsburgs. Her first child, a daughter, died at the age of 2 years at Budapest, and with her death the Empress's marked avoidance of society is said to have first become noticeable. A touching story was told of this event in Outing some years ago. On returning to the palace after the funeral of the Empress, she was going up the steps with her husband, with the court following them, when a big dog with which the baby was accustomed to play came bounding down to her. She burst into tears, dropped on the ground beside the dog and sat there crying over him till the Emperor was able to lead her to her rooms. The dog slept in her bedroom till it died, and she shunned Budapest for years. When her husband was crowned King of Hungary, however, after the disasters of 1866, the Hungarians presented the

old castle of Godollo to her; she took a liking to the place, where she was able to live the open-air life she loved, and spent much of her time there. She was fond of animals, and especially of horses, she was called the best horsewoman in Europe, and would ride at anything when hunting. She took great interest, too, in horse breeding.

She withdrew more and more from court functions, and after the tragic death of her only son, the Crown Prince Rudolf, was rarely seen by the Viennese. She had drifted away from her husband, too, as her children grew up. Through all her eccentricities and wanderings no breath of scandal ever touched the Empress Elizabeth, the same cannot be said of the Emperor. Her habit of taking long journeys outside of Austria began long before her son's death. For years she went to England and to Ireland during the hunting season and by her reckless riding

SEEMED TO COURT DEATH.
The crew of her yacht, the Miramar, in which she cruised about the Mediterranean, learned to expect to sail whenever the weather was stormy. In whatever exercise she took up her endeavor seemed to be to tire herself out. The disgraceful circumstances surrounding the Crown Prince's death at Mayerling, whether it was the result of a duel, a murder or a suicide, made her still more anxious to avoid men's eyes. She spent large sums of money in building chapels to his memory in different parts of the empire. The building craze took possession of her, and she spent millions of florins on her villa Achilleion in the island of Corfu, where she proposed to end her days. She gave up the idea last year, however, and the villa was sold for much less than it had cost.

For years she had suffered from sciatica; the disease grew so that some years ago she was obliged to give up her favorite exercise of horseback riding. She then took to walking long distances, twenty or twenty-five miles a day. This the doctors also stopped this spring, and a few weeks ago it was announced that the rheumatism from which she suffered was incurable and must lead to her death within a few months. The Empress's eccentricities and her long withdrawals from society have repeatedly led to a report that she had become insane and was confined in an asylum. She preserved her fine figure and much of her beauty to the last. She came out of retirement, making her first appearance at a court function, last spring when at a court ball two of her granddaughters were introduced to society.

The Empress Elizabeth was an educated woman and a generous patron of literature and art. Her favorite poet was Heine; she had a monument to him erected on the grounds of her Achilleion when one German town after another was refusing to do him that honor. Besides speaking well the languages of civilized Europe, she was said to be able to speak all the tongues found in the babel of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, and when well past middle life, thinking to live on a Greek island, she took up the study of Greek and learned to speak it.

The crime committed upon her is a particularly cowardly and senseless one, as for years she has gone about practically unattended, it being her custom to walk or ride ahead of the few persons in her suite. When her incognito was really unknown and she could feel safe from the annoyance of being stared at, she often went about alone.

POPE LEO'S RICHES.

Estimated at \$20,000,000—He Owns a Diamond Valued at \$4,000,000.
Pope Leo XIII., is said to have accumulated more wealth during his pontificate than any of his predecessors in the chair of St. Peter. Pius IX. collected \$10,000,000, and that was looked upon as a large sum. But Leo is said to have acquired twice as much for the Vatican. The greater part of the money is said to be deposited in the Bank of England, and the remainder rests in various other European banks. It is said that the Holy See is now free from debt, the few obligations remaining at the death of Pius IX. having been settled by Leo. The annual budget of the Vatican is said to show a yearly surplus.

How much of the money collected by Leo XIII. was given to him for his personal benefit and how much for the Holy See is not known. The value of personal presents made to him since he came to the Papal throne is said, however, to exceed \$10,000,000; and the objects are so numerous as to constitute a collection worthy to be placed in a museum. Pius IX. received possibly as many, but he is said to have given them away as rapidly as he received them, and for that reason he never accumulated so many as are owned by Leo XIII., who has kept all his.
Some idea of the value of them may be gathered from the fact that President Kruger gave him a diamond of worth \$4,000,000. Such gifts are of course rare. But his collection consists of 28 tiaras of gold set with all kinds of precious stones, 319 crosses of gold ornamented in the same way, and 1,200 chalices in gold and silver, engraved and ornamented with precious stones. Of the 81 valuable rings that he owns the Sultan gave him one that cost \$100,000. He has 10 pastoral staves of gold set with stones and 884 ostensorii for the exposition of the Sacrament. Seven statues in gold and silver are part of his possessions, in addition to more than 1,000 other objects of great actual and artistic value. The Kruger diamond is said to be the largest in the world.

SINFUL HABITS IN YOUTH
LATER EXCESSES IN MANHOOD

MAKE NERVOUS, DISEASED MEN
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SYPHILIS EMISSIONS STRICTURE CURED
Wm. A. Walker of 16th Street says: "I have suffered untold agonies for my 'gay life.' I was indiscreet when young and ignorant. As 'One of the Boys' I contracted Syphilis and other Private diseases. I had ulcers in the mouth and throat, bone pains, hair loose, pimples on face, finger nails came off, emissions, became thin and despondent. Seven doctors treated me with Mercury, Potash, etc. They helped me but could not cure me. Finally a friend induced me to try Dr. Kennedy & Kergan's 'New Method Treatment' and I was cured in a few weeks. Their treatment is wonderful. You feel yourself gaining every day. I have never heard of their failing to cure in a single case."

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Capt. Chas. Ferry says: "I owe my life to Drs. K. & K. At 14 I learned a bad habit. At 21 I had all the symptoms of Seminal Weakness and Spermatorrhoea. Emissions were draining and weakening my vitality. My marriage at 24 under advice of my family doctor, but it was a sad experience. In eight months we were divorced. I then consulted Dr. K. & K., who restored me to manhood by their 'New Method Treatment.' I felt a new life thrill through my nerves. We were united again and are happy. This was six years ago. Drs. K. & K. are scientific specialists and I heartily recommend them."

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Miss A. Teen—How mean of him! As if you could help its being yellow!