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The Exciting Career of the Baroness von Rahden.

The Baroness von Rahden, who is at present astonishing London with her remarkable equestrian feats, is the only child of a Russian banker and was born at her father's country house near Riga 25 years ago. From childhood she evinced a great love for horses, and as the years rolled on she became an expert rider.

When the baroness was 18 years of age, financial difficulties overtook her



THE BARONESS VON RAHDEN.

father, and pressure was used by her family to induce her to marry a wealthy but somewhat ancient suitor. Rather than submit the high spirited girl determined to take her future in her own hands and secured an engagement to ride in the circus at Moscow, much to the chagrin of her relatives, commencing her professional career in 1891.

The baroness, who has a wonderful influence over horses, soon distinguished herself in the profession of her adoption by completely subjugating a most vicious horse that had been bought by the director of the hippodrome out of a racing stable after the brute had killed a groom.

The baroness owes her introduction to her husband to an accident. About four months after the incident mentioned the baroness was performing in St. Petersburg and had arrived at her sensational finale on Caardas, where she makes the horse rear up and walk on his hind legs, she throwing herself right back until her head nearly touches the horse's tail, when the animal overbalanced himself and fell backward.

The Baron Oscar von Rahden, aid de camp to his uncle, the governor of Siberia, leaped into the ring with several other gentlemen, the baron being the first to assist the fallen artist. They were married four months later. Although the baroness has been the cause of no less than six duels and one tragic death, she is entirely free from blame in the matter, having lived a most exemplary life, and never has the breath of scandal smirched her fair fame.

The baron died last October at Brunswick of heart disease, accelerated doubtless by the years of nervous tension which culminated in the shocking tragedy at Clermont-Ferrand in August, 1894, when the baron shot an infatuated young Danish nobleman who had persistently pursued the baroness for two years with his undesirable attentions and with whom the baron had already fought two duels.—Cincinnati Enquirer

Philadelphia's High School Doctor.
Philadelphia is the first city to provide for the physical requirements of its high school girls in the practical way of having a physician in attendance each day to give proper medical supervision.

Dr. Katharine Kollock has been giving her attention to high school girls and their ills for six years past, most of the time without compensation, and so necessary has a physician been found in the great institution that it would now be deemed impossible to get along without one.

The idea of having a physician at the school every day emanated from Dr. Thomas G. Morton, chairman of the board of education's committee on the high school for girls. The plan was a novel one, and it was not received with such enthusiasm as would back up the proposition with financial support. If a physician would give her services free of charge, the committee was ready to accept them, but it was not ready to talk about salary. Dr. Kollock undertook the work, however, and has continued to carry it on ever since. During the last two years she has received a salary of \$750 per annum, an amount ridiculously incommensurate with the work she performs. The entire number of girls treated during the last school year, from Sept. 9, 1897, to May 27, 1898, was 3,030. This was an average of 18 a day.—Philadelphia Times.

Her Sight Impaired.
Mrs. U. S. Grant is in good health and spirits, but is still suffering with impaired sight, and this interferes with the work she planned a year ago—her memoirs for her children and grandchildren. Her library is an ideal place of the kind. It is bright and cheery. The windows face south. The furnishings are all of ebony. The cases of books that surround the walls are black, and so is, too, the table in the center. With all these dark woods the rugs and hangings are red.—Woman's Journal.

Growth of a Woman's College.
Smith college was founded 23 years ago, opening with only 12 students. It now enrolls 1,000 and is the largest woman's college in existence, although its entrance requirements are severe and it has not offered any extensive elective inducements. It began with one or two buildings; it now numbers 23, with three more about to go up, and still there is not nearly enough dormitory room, and more residence halls are to be added.

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