

other well-bred gentlemen, and his daughters were quite natural, kind, and good-hearted girls, with no stupid pride or any other nonsense about them.

The household of the Prince was carried on in a style becoming his position ; everything was well regulated and agreeable. The weather was not very favourable, and the family were mostly confined to the Castle, where we passed the time with home occupations and amusements. My brother-in-law taught me how to play at billiards and his daughters how to spin, which afforded me much pleasure.

When the weather permitted we had a ride on horseback, or in a pony-chaise, or a walk to a neighbouring farm, where we took coffee. Felix and his brother went out shooting hares, and I joined them occasionally with my fowling-piece, and sometimes succeeded well. In a word, we led a quiet country life, which was to me very pleasant after the exciting scenes I had gone through, but of which but little of interest could be said without entering into details.

The future of my husband occupied Prince Alfred a good deal. Though Felix might have lived to the end of his life in Castle Anholt, such an idle and dependent existence would not have suited either him or me, and it was his great desire to enter the army again. Felix had served before both in the Austrian and Prussian army, and it deserved some