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EVENTFUL LIFE of famous ROSA BONHEUR

Eccentric From Childhood; Why She Dressed in Male Attire



"THE HORSE FAIR": ROSA BONHEUR'S MOST FAMOUS PAINTING, NOW IN THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NEW YORK.

ROSA BONHEUR, the famous French animal painter, who died a week ago at the age of seventy-seven at her home in Fontainebleau, was the only woman who ever received the cross of the Legion d'Honneur for intellectual achievements.

On the roof she kept her pets—a pair of rabbits, an owl, a dog, a cat and a dearly beloved little goat. When she thought the goat needed an airing in the park she would take it on her shoulders and carry it down the six long flights of stairs and back again in the same way.

den away portfolios with 1800 of her early animal sketches. She got into odd predicaments while thus masquerading as a boy. The coarse but good-natured men of the stockyards, who admired the supposed boy's pictures, would try to get her drunk.

each year's salon. They became one of the regularly looked-for features. She sold a number of pictures at modest prices, and the money was used to lessen the pangs of poverty in the Bonheur home.

Sensational Life of the Princess Chimay, An American Girl Who Married Abroad.

Rigo's Death by Plague in Cairo Was Reported Last Week, but the Princess Denied It Later. NEWS came by wire last week that Rigo, who eloped from Paris with the Princess Chimay, had been stricken with the bubonic plague at their beautiful villa in Cairo and had died almost immediately.

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