



(37)-2180-Guard Mount in the Plaza de Armas, Royal Palace, Madrid, Spain.
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2180. *City Life.*—Every day at eleven a. m. the changing of the palace guard makes a gay spectacle in this big quadrangular courtyard. The uniforms worn vary according to the time of year, but those picturesque cloaks are needed many months of the twelve because of Madrid's sudden changes of temperature and chilly winds. A local proverb says "Wait till the fortieth of May to lay aside your cloak."

The buildings ahead—granite with white trimmings—are part of a huge structure which serves as the winter home of King Alfonso XIII and his English-born queen, Victoria, a cousin of H. M. George V. The royal children have many a time watched from the palace windows the evolutions of these cavalymen, and listened to accompanying concerts from the military band.

History.—The palace itself is modern in comparison with the long history of the Spanish people; that is because Madrid itself is a comparatively modern city; it was in the 16th century given its special honor as the Spanish capital because of its central location. The homes of the older Spanish Kings were farther south and west.

One hundred years ago Napoleon's army took pos-

session of the land and the French conqueror made his own brother Joseph, King of Spain. They say that as Napoleon went up a magnificent staircase in the interior of the palace, leading to the splendid throne room, he said to his brother "You will be lodged better than I am myself!" The state apartments are today among the most splendid in Europe.

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Relevant la garde sur la "Plaza de Armas," Palais royal, Madrid, Espagne.

Wachaufzug auf der "Plaza de Armas," Königspalast, Madrid, Spanien.

Montando la guardia en la Plaza de Armas, Palacio Real, Madrid, España.

Vakten på Plaza de Armas, kungliga slottet, Madrid, Spanien.

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