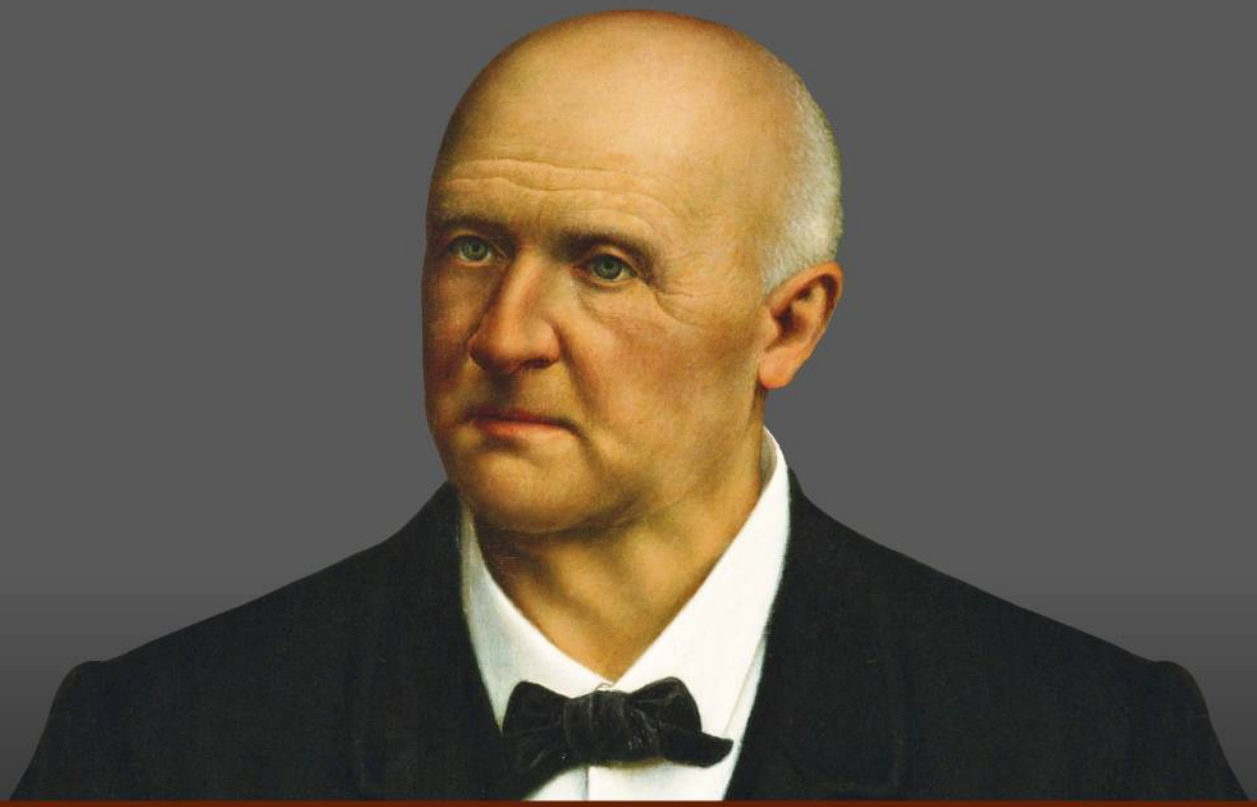


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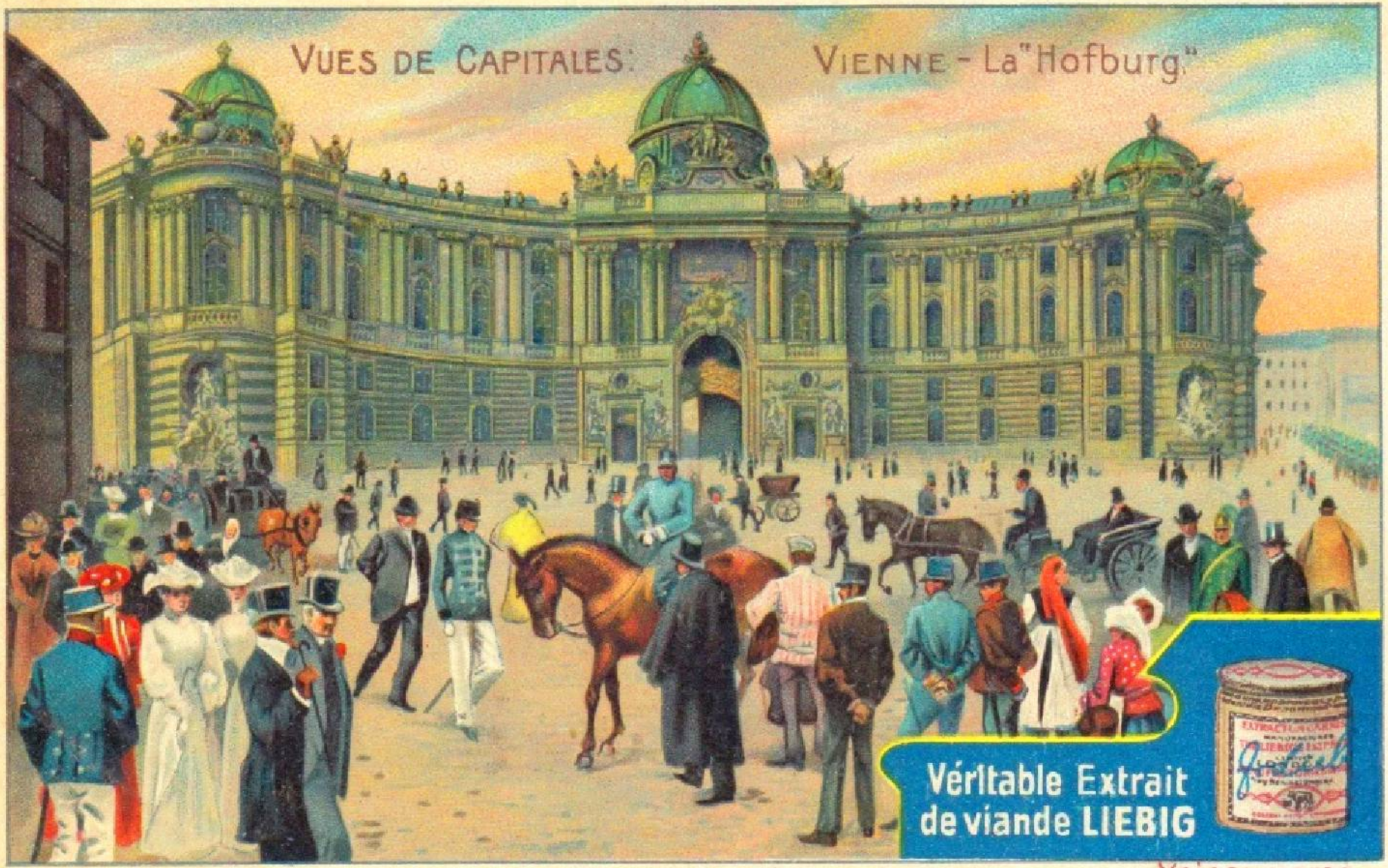
Emperor Franz-Josef




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Voir au verso.



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The Imperial staircase



The Imperial staircase



The Emperor's waiting room



The Emperor's audience room



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Hunting is the only time Emperor Franz-Josef is regularly seen in civilian clothing. He swaps his Imperial uniform for the traditional « Ausseer » hunting suit, which consisted of a « loden » jacket, leather breeches (« lederhosen ») , and a hat decorated with a tuft of chamois hair (« Gamsbart ») . He particularly loves the mountains around Bad Ischl, where he spends eighty-two summer stalking games. He also owns and commissions several other hunting lodges, including those at Eisenerz, Radmer, and Mürzsteg.

Jagdschloß Mürzsteg



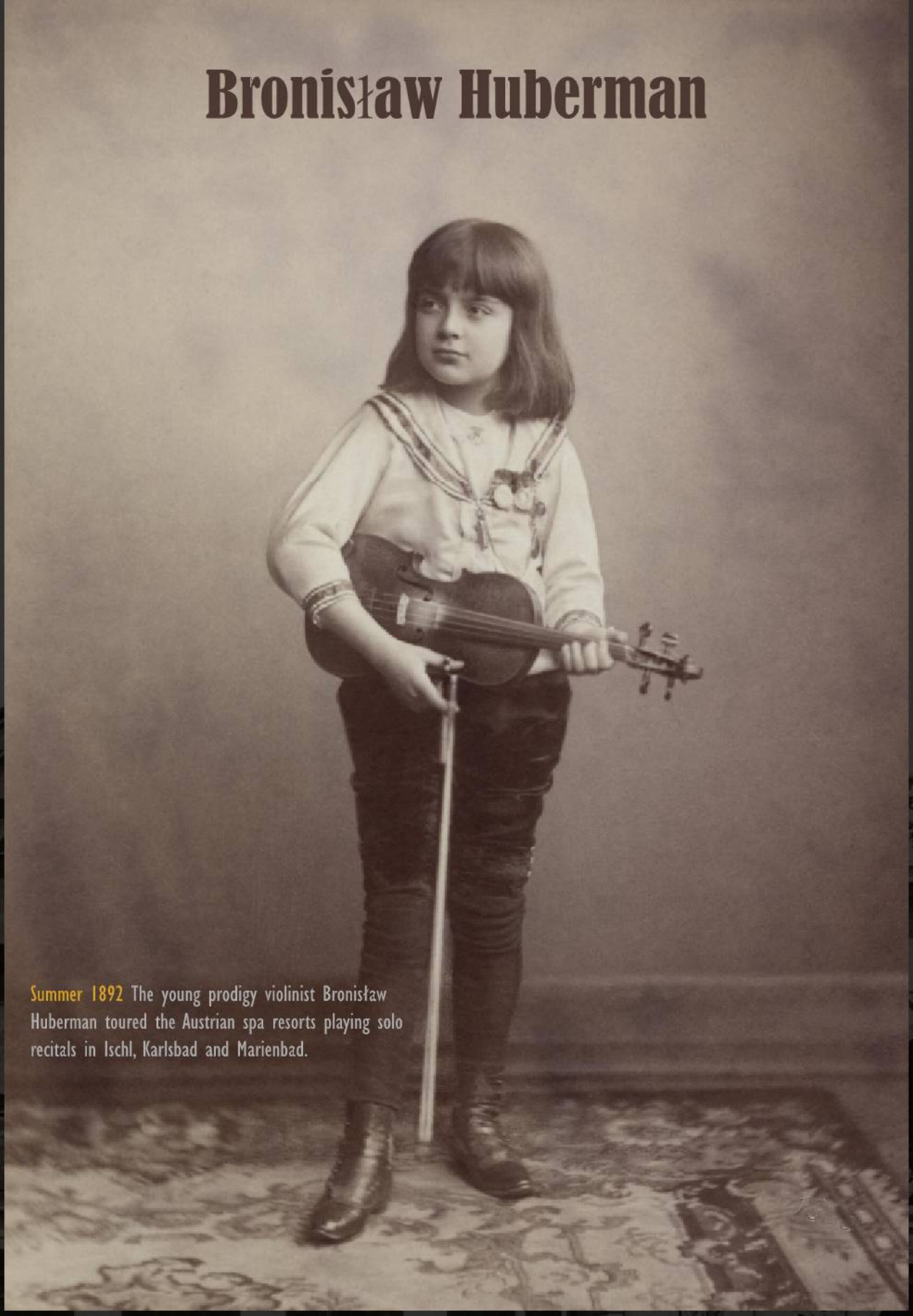
Whenever there were no actual global political negotiations going on, compared with everyday life at the « Hofburg » , life in the hunting lodges tended to be fairly casual. This was particularly the case with hunting dinners. Simple dishes were prepared, such as the well known « Kaiser-Schmarrn » (shredded sweet pancake with raisins) or « Geselchtes mit Sauerkraut und Knödeln » (cured smoked pork with sauerkraut and dumplings) . These were served on plates decorated with hunting motifs. After the meal, the diners enjoyed lingering at table and conversing. On shoots, hunters would take cold meat, bread and cognac with them. If the weather was very cold, they also took vacuum flasks containing tea or soup.





Constructed in the « Swiss style » in 1867, the lodge has an upper floor, which is disguised as a wooden shingled roof. It has three third floor doors with steep tops. The interior furnishing is simple and humble, with the exception of some works from Rudolf von Alt and Franz von Pausinger. The little town of Mürzsteg is located near the Semmering in Styria, about 85 kilometres south-west of Vienna. It affords a superb view of the « Hohe Veitsch » , the highest peak in the Mürzsteg Alps. From 1903, the lodge was known as « Schloß Mürzsteg » .

Bronisław Huberman



Summer 1892 The young prodigy violinist Bronisław Huberman toured the Austrian spa resorts playing solo recitals in Ischl, Karlsbad and Marienbad.

Wednesday, 21 September 1892 Small lecture hall of the historical music section in the south-east transept of the Rotunda. The ten year old Polish violin prodigy Bronisław Huberman gives a stunning recital. He is then requested to perform for Emperor Franz-Josef, who has no ear for music. In 1893, out of sheer determination, his father Jacob Huberman is able to arrange concerts in Holland, Belgium, Paris, London, Brussels, Berlin, Austria, Romania, and the United States. The family's financial welfare now depends on the money his son is earnig from his performances.