

Echoes of the North

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twelve of Auckland rejoiced in long tresses. The other day I was startled to see a man with a most luxuriant growth of long curly hair walking along Queen Street. His clothes were in correct masculine fashion — his face just an ordinary face, but all his unconventional ideas seem to have expressed themselves in his fierce growth of hair. So aggressive it was, that he wore a net of broad mesh to hold it down. Like most fashions, we have to thank the French for the present short hair mode. Whenever short hair has been the fashion for women, it has always been originated by the French. George Sand received it in 1848, but Joan of Arc had started it five centuries ago. Taking it back to classical times means, of course, taking it out of the range of French fashions, and a recent discovery of a statue of the Phoenician goddess, Astarte, shows her with her hair arranged in this way. This proves how right French taste always is, the Parisian will retort. Whatever its origin the shingle fashion is bringing prosperity to ladies' hairdressers to-day. The First Annual Banquet of the Master Ladies' Hairdressers' Association was held this month in Syney at the Ambassadors. There was an air of opulence about the whole affair and the menu reflected an appropriate tonsorial atmosphere. The



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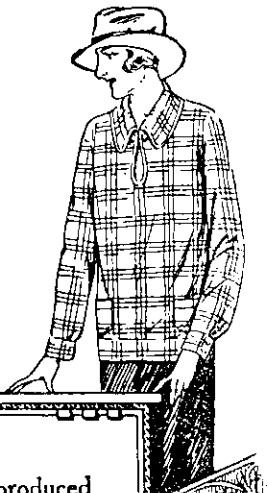
MRS. CARLETON R. POTTER, of Auckland.
Formerly Miss Gwendolyn M. Wilkinson, of Pukekohe.

dinner began with "huitre transformation" and went on to "supreme de schnapper de Marcelle," and "Salade de Cheveux" (salad of hair) which did not apparently hold any horror for barbers. Responding to this toast, the slightly intoxicated Chief Secretary agreed with other speakers who urged that ladies' hairdressers should be licensed, to prevent unqualified imposters from exploiting the public. "It is not so long ago," he declared, "since anybody in this State could hang out the s(h)ingle word "Dentish," and pull the heads off anybody who came along." At the word "shingle" there was some feeling applause. "A century ago," he added, many ladies did not even wash their hair. The shampoo has changed all that." (Pronounced like the Irish country, accentuated on the first syllable.)

Further news about the forthcoming Royal Tour states that the Earl of Cavan will be the chief of staff to the Duke of York and that he and Lady Cavan are anticipating the tour with the keenest pleasure. The earl is an ex-lieutenant of the Tower of London and was aide-de-camp to the Governor General of Canada. His brilliant military reputation was won in the South African War and increased during the war when he commanded the Guards Division. He is sixty years of age, and married Lady Joan Mulholland, his second wife, who is the youngest daughter of the Earl of Stratford, Capt. the Hon. A. E. S. Mulholland, four years ago. Her late husband was killed in action at Ypres in 1914, and some months after her only daughter, Daphne, was born.

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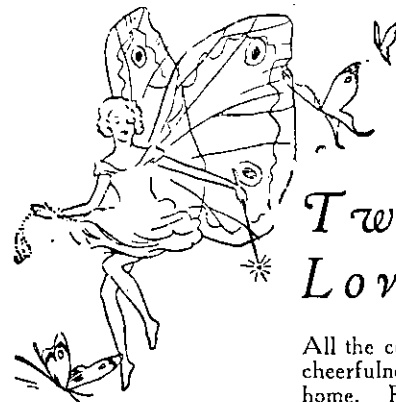
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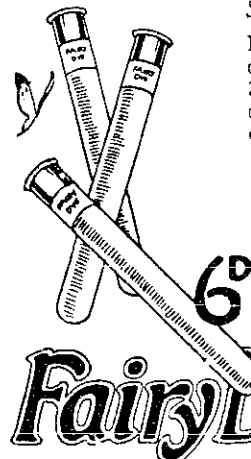
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