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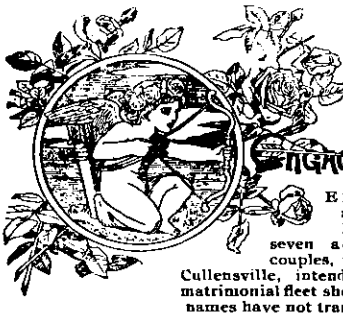
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ENGAGEMENTS

ENGAGEMENTS are in the air. No less than seven adventurous couples, in and around Cullensville, intend to join the matrimonial feet shortly, but their names have not transpired.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR HUNTER TO MISS HODGSON.

A VERY pretty wedding was celebrated last week at St. Peter's church, Onehunga. The Rev. W. Hewlett performing the ceremony.

THE bride was Miss Lillian Hodgson, daughter of the late Mr George Hodgson, of Nelson, and the bridegroom, Mr Richard Hunter, of Whangarei, son of Mr William Hunter, recently of the firm of Hunter and Nolan, Auckland.

THE bride looked charming in a handsome electric blue travelling costume. Her bridesmaid Miss Noakes, was prettily attired in cream-coloured cashmere.

THE groomsmen was attended by Mr W. J. Hunter, of Paeroa, who acted as best man.

AFTER the ceremony the happy pair and guests were entertained at afternoon tea by Mr and Mrs Noakes.



SOCIETY Gossip.

AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE, NOVEMBER 25.

We have lucid intervals of fine weather now, and enjoy them hugely, though the rain does not interfere much with lectures, concerts, etc. Of course, this has been a marked week in the 'At Home' line, and I believe the special line of entertainments adopted by Mark Twain was very much appreciated, and very well attended.

ORCHESTRAL UNION AND LIEBERTAFEL

concert on Thursday night was a brilliant *finale* to a most successful season. The leading numbers had been chosen by a vote of the members of both societies from the programme of three preceding concerts, and I believe the special line of entertainments adopted by Mark Twain was very much appreciated, and very well attended.

The large picnic party to Northcote, which takes place on Friday afternoon in the Choral Hall by His Worship the Mayor. There was a large attendance of children, the hall being so full with visitors that it became impossible to see all the exhibits, which were very beautiful, and I am glad to say, more numerous than last year, being in the Choral Hall, and in the season. Friday afternoon was beautifully fine and warm, and Saturday was also a nice day, so that in point of weather the Committee could congratulate themselves as well as on the success of the show.

THE CHILDREN'S FLOWER SHOW

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shy blue canvas, sailor hat; Mrs Walker (Parrell), fawn gown, electric blue shot silk vest, brown tulle with yellow flowers; Mrs Coleman, black silk trimmed with beads, bonnet with mauve ribbons; and her daughter, putonia striped silk trimmed with black velvet, hat to correspond; Mrs Nathan, very stylish black crepon gown, and the silk with black lace inserted in bodice, black lace picture hat with wreath of forget-me-nots; Mrs M. Clark, steel grey costume, black hat with cardinal velvet; Mrs C. M. Nelson, black beaded with blue, black hat trimmed with black feathers; Mrs T. W. Leya, handsome black mervillieux silk, bodice trimmed with jet passementerie, large black hat with feathers; Mrs Hope Lewis, pale bronze green, full front of cream chiffon, black lace hat with posies of yellow polyanthus; Mrs Penton, grey tweed costume, revers of black silk, blue vest, black lace toque, pale pink roses; her sister wore navy; Mrs Chambers, black, stylish silk cape; Mrs H. Campbell, elegant black broadened silk, turgensia silk, inserted in bodice finished with black lace; Miss Campbell, black silk, pretty cream lace butterfly bonnet; Mrs Upton, grey, black bonnet with cream roses; Mrs O. Brown, black, jet bonnet; Mrs W. Thorne, black, silk sleeves, large black hat with yellow polyanthus; Mrs Stokes, black, crepon gown, pretty bonnet trimmed with green shot ribbon and lilies-of-the-valley; Mrs Buttie, pale green, white hat with heliotrope flowers; Miss Sommerville, brown, shot broadened corsage, brown chip hat trimmed with black lace; Mrs C. B. Brown, black, crepon gown, with silk same colour, black hat with flowers; Mrs Hudson, electric blue gown, hat *en suite*; Mrs Guthridge, stylish grey check gown, drawn collar and epaulettes of shot silk, black lace toque; Mrs (Dr.) Wilson, white muslin blouse, dark skirt; Mrs A. Bruce, black and grey blouse, black crepon skirt, white hat trimmed with black and heliotrope flowers; Mrs Ross, black, huge sleeves of black silk beaded with blue, black hat with yellow polyanthus; Mrs Winkie, black, crepon gown, pretty pearl grey frock, white picture hat trimmed with ribbon and white feathers; Mrs Cunningham, black with moiré sleeves, pretty green straw bonnet with trimming to match; and many others.

I find that in my account of the impromptu dance given at the 'Towers' by the R.T.C., I omitted to give honour where honour was due, the two ladies who were credited with all the success gracefully disclaiming the entire praise. Several other ladies of the committee also worked extremely hard, notably, Mrs J. Macfarlane, Mrs Dargaville, Mrs Peel, and Miss Hay.

Dr. Hood, an extremely clever medico from Taranaki, is staying at 'Ariana,' the pleasant boarding house next the Grammar School.

I hear that all Dr. Sharnan's lady pupils passed their First Aid Ambulance examination, and that Dr. Robertson's class at Mount Albert is progressing steadily under his patient and careful tuition.

Polo was played in Hunter and Nolan's paddock, as the Trotting Races were held in Potter's paddock.

Many of the admirers of Mr C. H. Haines' pretty yacht, the *Ngatani*, will be sorry to hear that it has been sold to Wellington parties.

We are all looking forward to the FLORAL FETE to be held in Potter's Paddock on the 7th December. I do hope everyone who can will go with huge quantities of bouquets and flowers with which to peck each other and betwix on the most prettily decorated vehicle. It will be a most unique sight—for the colony—and a very attractive and interesting one. I hear someone has already engaged the only donkey in the city.

LAWN TENNIS. The Eden and Epsom Clubs opened their lawns for play last Saturday, and their number of players. Amongst them I noticed Miss Paton in black; Misses Hardie, Hesketh, Garland, Gorrie, and Mr Chapman, dark skirts light blouses; Miss Spiera, cream tulle. The committee have decided to hold an open tournament at Chesham, playing on Boxing Day and the following Saturday. The inter-club matches commence on Saturday, 7th December.

At the opening of POLO last week there was a large attendance of the fair sex despite the weather, lady friends of a blossoming kindly undertaken to provide the afternoon tea, which was excellent. The table was prettily decorated with buttercup silk placed in art folds up the centre of the tables, and finished with vases of naturals of various colours and daisies, surrounded by dishes and baskets of delicious cakes, sandwiches, etc. Most of the ladies wore dark frocks, though some were attired in dark skirts and light blouses. The Italian band discoursed sweet strains of music to the accompaniment of the dancing, which was in the shade. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs (Col.) Dawson, in black silk skirt, white blouse; Miss Elliot, dark skirt, pink blouse; Mrs George Bloomfield, neat-fitting grey tailor-made gown; Mrs W. Bloomfield, grey tweed skirt, blue blouse; Mrs Macdonald, brown gown, picture hat with feathers; Mrs Pollan, fawn gown trimmed with shot silk; Mrs Ware was much admired in a neat-fitting grey check; Miss Ware looked pretty in a stone grey gown; Mrs Trapp looked extremely well in grey check; Mrs Charles Haines wore a tasteful gown of grey check; Misses Isaac, Mrs Lyons looked chic in a black crepe gown, dainty white floral bonnet; Miss Aubrey, black, large hat with heliotrope flowers; Mrs (Dr.) Scott, fawn; Miss Buckland, navy; Miss E. Smith; Miss Wynyard, Miss Eaton looked pretty in navy; Misses Thompson (two), navy serge; Miss Kate Hay, grey; her sister, navy; Mrs Fensholt, dark skirt; Mrs Lucas, black; Misses Firth, Misses Whitehouse, Miss E. Percival, beige; Mrs Archibald, brown; Miss Devereux, dark skirt, pink blouse; Miss McFarland, cornflower blue, and her sister, dark skirt, sky blue blouse; Miss Jackson, grey; Mrs (Dr.) Scott, fawn; Mrs Macdonald, Misses Firth, Misses Churton (two), dark skirts, light blouses; Mrs Arthur Taylor, navy blue; Miss Ellie Ireland, black gown, fawn vest; Miss Mildred Purchas, navy; Miss Pearce, grey; Miss Power, fawn gown; Mrs (Dr.) Scott, fawn; Mrs Macdonald, Misses Firth, Misses Firth, navy serge; Miss Healds, Mrs Blair, Mrs Burton, Mrs Spiera; Mrs Sheaf, grey plaid; Mrs Sampson, black mourning gown; Mrs (Dr.) Lewis, dark skirt, plaid golf cap; Mrs Hamner, black mourning gown; Miss Minnitt, navy serge; Misses Moss-Davis (two), fawn.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE, NOVEMBER 22.

There were a number of ladies at the FLOWER SHOW, which was held at the Skating Rink last Tuesday afternoon. Some of the refreshments were really exquisite. Miss Helen carried off the prize for hand bouquet, and Miss F. Cooper the floral bouquet. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs Levin, who wore a black silk gown trimmed with jet, black and white bonnet; Mrs Grace, shot crepon gown with white beaded revers, auru lace bonnet with forget-me-nots; Miss Gresco, pale blue costume, large