

ilities are keen, and your temperament sympathetic and imaginative, although I must not forget the practical good sense exhibited by the fingers and thumb. The Fate Line is excellent in the right hand. Three important changes are indicated, the first about 25, or even younger, the second between 35 and 40, and the last as late as 50. From another quarter I predict a very successful change in position late in life. This may be the one at 50. You have given me no voyage lines, but there is one sign which signifies much travelling either by land or water. There is a serious quarrel with relations marked, and at 45 or so the death of one very dear to you. There are several signs of either legacies or increases of wealth at ages between 30 and 50, and perhaps younger and older.—VERO.



ENGAGEMENTS

A RECENT engagement is that of Miss May Redwood, second daughter of Mr T. Redwood, Blythfield, Blenheim, and niece of Archbishop Redwood, to Mr E. Parsons, of Kaikoura.

Mr Oliver Thomson, of Christchurch, is engaged to Miss Lucy Acland, daughter of the Hon. J. B. and Mrs Acland.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR JOSKE TO MISS GORDON.

A GREAT amount of interest was taken in Suva on the evening of July 21st, when a pretty wedding was celebrated at Holy Trinity Church.

THE sacred edifice was most beautifully decorated with flowers and foliage, and the effect was exceedingly good. There was a specially pretty marriage bell in white flowers, and this with the monograms of the groom and bride was particularly admired. All was the work of loving, friendly hands. A large crowd of spectators witnessed the ceremony.

THE bride was Miss M. B. Gordon, daughter of Mr J. Gordon, of Auckland, and the bridegroom Mr J. A. B. Joske, of the firm of Brown and Joske, Sava, Fiji.

THE Rev. J. Moran, Vicar, read the marriage service.

THE bride, who was given away by the Hon. J. K. M. Ross, collector of Customs, and acting Attorney-General, looked extremely well in her dainty bridal satin and lovely orange blossoms.

THE bridesmaid was Miss Dixon, niece of Mr Joske. She was charmingly dressed all in white, with white hat to harmonise. Mr Adolph B. Joske was best man.

A RECEPTION was held after the service in Mr Alex B. Joske's house, which was wellattended.

IN the afternoon the s.s. 'Flora' arrived in port, and was immediately decorated with bunting in honour of the wedding.

MR LITHERLAND TO MISS M. E. CONROY.

AT the Pitt-street Wesleyan Church, Auckland, a charming marriage took place last Tuesday, the Rev. W. J. Williams being the officiating minister.

THE bride was Miss M. E. (Ellie) Conroy, fifth daughter of Mr M. Conroy, Thames, and the bridegroom Mr L. R. Litherland, of Papanui, third son of the late Mr John B. Litherland, Liverpool.

MR FORBES FORBES played the 'Wedding March.'

THE bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr Thomas Pick, looked charming in white silk and lace, a lovely train of brocaded silk, orange blossoms and veil. Her bouquet was lilies of the valley and maidenhair fern.

MISS QUEENIE CONROY (youngest sister of the bride) and Miss Ruby Best were the two bridesmaids, looking dainty in cream and daffodil frocks and Reubens hats. Each bore a basket of white violets and daffodils, and wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom.

MR H. RATHBONE and Mr J. Conroy (brother of the bride) were the groomsmen.

BREAKFAST was arranged at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs Thomas Pick, Vincent-street, and was a very tasteful affair.

A DRIVE followed, and Mr and Mrs Litherland then left for the South. There were many nice presents, and an immense supply of good wishes.

MR BREWSTER TO MISS K. A. HOLMES.

THE marriage of Mr Walter Hammond Brewster, of Pemberton, Rangitikei, to Miss Kate A. Holmes, fourth daughter of the late Mr W. A. Holmes, was celebrated by the Rev. R. Coffey in St. Mark's Church, Wellington.

THE bride was richly gowned in dahlia cloth costume with palest primrose vest and chiffon trimmings; hat to match with ribbon and tips; olive bridal bouquet.

MISS HOLMES and Miss May Holmes wore shower muslins over amber silk, hats en suite; bouquets of jonquils and yellow ribbon. Miss Daisy James and Miss Ada Webb (the bride's nieces) wore white hailstorm muslins, lace hats. These four were bridesmaids.

THE bridegroom gave his bride a rich brooch with pearls and turquoises.

MR P. P. WEBB gave the bride away, and Mr E. Redwood was best man.

MR EDWARD BRYTHEWAY TO MISS PERCY.

A WEDDING in which St. Matthew's Sunday-School staff took great interest was celebrated in that church, Hastings, by the Rev. John Hobbs.

THE bride, a Sunday-school teacher from early years, was Miss Annie Percy, sister of Miss Percy, mistress of the Hastings Infant School, the bridegroom being Mr Edward Brytheway, of Queensland.

MR H. HUNT conducted the choir, who sang appropriate hymns, Miss Kelly playing the 'Wedding March' in excellent style.

THE bride, who was given away by Mr Beilby, wore white silk with lace and satin finishings, white feathered hat, and gold curb padlock bracelet (the bridegroom's gift).

MISS LUCIUX was one bridesmaid in cream pleated muslin, floral toque; Miss Soundy, white striped muslin, ash of *eau de Nil*, Leighorn hat; she carried a basket of pretty spring flowers. Each bridesmaid wore the bridegroom's present—gem bar brooch. Mr Wright was best man.

THE happy pair will live in Queensland.

An eccentric old peer—now dead and gone—tried in vain for fifty years to get a Bill passed preventing window-cleaners from standing outside the windows. 'I introduced it,' he said, 'not for the sake of the window-cleaners, but for the sake of the people below, on whom they might fall. The idea of the Bill was suggested to me by the fear that a window-cleaner might fall on myself.'

Among the luxuries of these days are portable houses. If you want to carry a comfortable dwelling with you when you are going to the mountains, you can get one that will fold up like an umbrella; it is made of wood and wire net. For a summer home at the seashore you can procure a ready-made house in sections, all ready to be put together. Really handsome cottages can be purchased in this way, and the railroad will deliver the structure complete, in pieces, on the lot where it is to be put up. Within a few hours you can move in and begin housekeeping, realising in actual fact the story of Aladdin and his famous palace that grew like a mushroom in one night.

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DEAR BEE. AUGUST 9.

The tremendous excitement of last Monday over the wreck of the 'Tasmania' has somewhat subsided, though, of course, it was eagerly discussed over that great conversation-assistant—a cup of tea—at the various Bobea functions of the week.

A large

AFTERNOON TEA

was given by Mrs Ching at her pretty residence, 'Ely House,' Remuera, last Tuesday. Our hostess was ably assisted to entertain her guests by her charming daughter, whose natural and unaffected manner was much appreciated as she fitted in and out attending to the various requirements of the visitors. Songs were rendered by Mrs Walter Lawry, Mrs Sydney Nathan, Miss Kempthorne (Christchurch), and Mrs Ching, while Miss Ching played a pianoforte solo, and during the intervals the Italian band discoursed sweet strains, being stationed near the window on the verandah, which was enclosed with canvas. This soft music had a soothing influence, as it dulled the usual clatter of tongues, making one feel dreamy, and rather unfitted to come back to earth and remember gowns. The piano was placed in the entrance hall, while chairs were the only furniture of the reception-room, which was lighted by gas chandeliers, and the blinds drawn, so that the room had the appearance of night. The tea-room was also lighted with gas. The table was uniquely decorated with white damask cloth and ribbons of red, white and blue drawn from corner to corner, dividing the table into triangular shapes, and finished with specimen vases of white snowflakes lighted with fairy lamps, and surrounded with cakes, trifles, jellies, etc. Now for the difficult part of the afternoon's business—to describe the gowns, which, if incorrect, you must excuse me, as colour in gas light is so deceiving, and I confess I was much more interested in the music than the frocks of my lady acquaintances. Mrs Ching wore a very handsome black merveilleux *en train*, relieved at neck and sleeves with black net and black beads; Miss Geraldine Ching, dark skirt, emerald green blouse with white point lace; Mrs Brassey (sister of our hostess), black widow's weeds; Mrs Gutherford, neat-fitting tweed in coat and skirt style; Mrs Dignan, green and black corduroy velvet trimmed with mignonne silk, black high-crowned chip hat with petunia ribbons; Mrs Peacock, grey satin figured with purple flowers, black bonnet with purple, black mantle; Mrs Ranson, well-fitting green gown, becoming black high-crowned hat; Mrs Hayward, black gown, black bonnet with old gold; Mrs John Roach, pavement grey tailor-made costume, purple vest with gold spots, bonnet to correspond; Mrs Reid-Bloomfield, black, white satin vest veiled in black, black bonnet; Miss Reay, green gown trimmed with fox fur; Mrs Harry Tonks, black mourning costume, black hat with white daisies; Mrs A. Buckland, black mourning costume; Mrs Ashton Bruce, periwinkle blue fancy lustre, very pretty black high-crowned chip hat with wreath of blue forget-me-nots and large bows; Mrs MacArthur, black moire; Mrs D. Clerk, bluey-green with fur, hat with pink bow; Mrs E. Heaketh, mourning costume; Mrs Williams, black silk; Mrs Archer, black mourning costume; Mrs Beatty, brown check Bannockburn tweed, black hat with shaded ribbon; Mrs Shera, navy blue tailor-made gown, *bouton d'or* vest, bonnet with buttercups; Mrs Lonsdale Pritt, black merveilleux; Mrs Tewsley, grey Kelso Cheviot tweed, felt toque with folded red velvet; Mrs Kerr-Taylor, black lace; Misses Kerr-Taylor, coquelicot red cashmere with black braid, hats *en suite*; Mrs A. P. Wilson, black Irish poplin, black velvet cape, black velvet bonnet relieved with red; Mrs Reid (Kohomama), beige tweed with Italian silk vest, black velvet bonnet with yellow tufts; Mrs Walter Lawry, black widow's weeds; Mrs Bamford, dark green costume; Mrs Sydney Nathan, very striking black silk with magenta silk bodice veiled in black lace, large black hat with flowers and magenta ribbons; Mrs (Captain) Worsp, mode grey tweed; Mrs Heather, black silk; Mrs Thomas Brassey, fawn tailor-made gown, red vest; Miss Kempthorne (Ponsonby), brown; Mrs Nelson Gamble, dark green; Mrs Bodie, slate grey; Mrs Lennox, black; Mrs E. W. Peyton, brown; Mrs Hardy, black; Mrs L. Benjamin; Mrs Matthew Clark, beige; Mrs C. McMillan, black silk; Mrs Robert Dargville, black mourning costume; Mrs Norton, etc.

gave a

LARGE DANCE

at her residence, 'Wates,' Grafton Road. Nearly a hundred guests were present, the majority of them being the young friends of Miss Bessie Smith, and the evening—a perfect one for dancing—was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The long dining room was used by the dancers, while the drawing-room and the judge's study were much appreciated, and well patronised by the non-