

## HORSE TAMING AND EDUCATING.

Professor Norton B. Smith's exhibition of horse taming and educating is certainly the cleverest thing of its kind that we have seen in the colonies. The Auckland season opened at the Agricultural Hall on Saturday last before a large audience prepared to be severely critical of the Professor's profession, and at the close of the performance everyone was prepared to concede that his methods of subduing recalcitrant equines are marvelously effective. So far as one can judge, the Professor educates chiefly by mechanical means, so that there seems no reason why those who acquire the necessary dexterity in his methods may not become horse-tamers themselves. The principle he adopts is to affix a simple form of breaking-in gear to the animals so that he has them entirely under his control. Then he proceeds to accustom them to all manner of startling sights and sounds. Drums are beaten before and behind them, trumpets are blown, and tin kettles rattled, steam whistles in hal-a-dozen keys screech in their ears, crackers explode by hundreds at their feet, while masses of papers are shaken over their heads and umbrellas opened and shut in their faces. The first effect on the animals of this pandemonium of sounds and unusual apparatus is to make them terrified. They prance and kick and buck as much as they can; but by degrees they learn to understand that all the din is quite harmless, and in the end it ceases to disturb them in the very least. This is the Professor's way of curing nervous horses, and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it is nervousness that ails an intractable animal. In dealing with stubborn or vicious horses he slightly varies his methods, but the main feature of his plan is still to make the horses understand from the very outset that they are in the hands of their master. On Saturday both nervous horses and stubborn ones were dealt with, and while, in the case of the latter, a short lesson wrought a wonderful improvement, the nervous horses were apparently cured completely. Anyone interested in horses should not fail to pay a visit to Professor Smith.

## ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR CHARLES ROBERTSON TO MISS BALDWIN.

THE ton, was very prettily decorated on the 21st of September, the occasion being the marriage of Mr Charles Robertson, of 108 Gloucester Place, Portman Square, and Miss Nora Baldwin, daughter of Captain Baldwin, who is now living in Perth, W.A. Captain Baldwin was formerly proprietor of the 'New Zealand Times.'

The ceremony was arranged for 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, and was performed by the Rev. Wm. Eyre, S.J., the Rev. Michael Gouin, the Rev. Prior Mularkey, and two others.

The bride was beautifully gowned in ivory satin, with exquisite trimmings of duchesse point lace and pearl passementerie. She wore the bridegroom's gifts, pearls and diamonds.

Dr. Gerald Baldwin, brother of the bride, gave her away.

There were three bridesmaids in chic costumes, viz., Miss Parker, Miss J. Story, the bride's niece, and Miss Scott, niece of the bridegroom.

The service was long, being fully choral, and winding up with a sermon on married duties, and the Nuptial Mass. After celebrating the latter the wedding party left the church and proceeded to a grand reception at Bailey's Hotel, South Kensington.

Mr and Mrs Robertson left London later in the day for Lucerne and Florence. At the latter place they intend visiting the Servite Church; at Monte Senario, the birthplace of the Servite Order, they also mean to pay a call.

MR HARVERSON TO MISS TREADWELL.

This wedding was rather unusually quiet, as the happy pair displayed strong objections to the usual state and ceremony of a fashionable wedding.

This modern bridegroom was Mr William Walter Harverson, of Upper Clapton, London, and his bride Miss Laura Augusta Treadwell, of Wellington, N.Z.

They matured their plans in dead secrecy, and one morning, September 15th, they mounted their bicycles and apparently set off for Hastings, Sussex. On the way they called at St.

Mary Abbots, and were duly married. The lady was given away by Miss Moyses, and Miss Treadwell's cousin, Mr A. D. Hardy, also witnessed the marriage.

The bride was simply dressed in a bright blue sailor gown, loose blouse and skirt, white pith Colombo hat, ordinary white net veil, and white kid gloves. The bridegroom wore a light grey cycling suit with white tie and gloves.

The two thus quietly made one went on their honeymoon tour to Hastings, and are passing their holiday on wheels, touring the southern coast in a most delightful fashion. They propose to spend the winter on the Continent.

MR THORNTON TO MISS HUNT.

The wedding of Mr D. E. Thornton, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Miss Florence Enid Leigh Hunt, eldest daughter of Mr Walter Leigh Hunt, of 25, Queensbury Place, London W., was celebrated recently at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, London.

MR MOORHOUSE TO MISS BARRY.

An interesting marriage ceremony was performed at St. Peter's Church, Ightham, Kent, between Mr Reginald William Moorhouse, son of Mr Thomas Carter Moorhouse, of Canterbury, New Zealand, to Miss Mildred Adela Barry, daughter of Mr Horace Barry, of Bush Hill House, Winchmore Hill, London.

The bride was married by her brother, rector of St. Peter's, the Rev. D. Barry. Mr C. F. Barry, her younger brother, gave her away.

MR McCALLUM TO MISS WALKER.

In the picturesque little church at Ellerslie, Auckland, on Wednesday morning, October 27th, a very dainty wedding took place, when Miss Kathleen (Gipsy) Walker, eldest daughter of Mr W. C. Walker, of 'Greenhills,' Ellerslie, was married to Mr Robert McCallum.

The Rev. Mr Norrie officiated.

The ceremony was of the quietest description possible, only immediate relations being present.

The bride was led to the altar by her father. She looked very bright and pretty in a stylish fawn Sedan cloth travelling costume, the coat opening over a pouched vest of pink shot with green mousseline de soie; smart brown hat, trimmed with pink roses and chiffon.

The bridesmaid, Miss Dolly Walker, wore an effective heliotrope dress, heliotrope hat to match, and she carried a lovely shower bouquet.

The bridegroom, who wore a tourist suit of knickerbockers, was supported by Mr Whitson as best man.

At the close of the service Mrs Elliott played the 'Wedding March.' After the ceremony Mr and Mrs Walker entertained the party at 'Greenhills' with a champagne breakfast.

Mr and Mrs McCallum departed amidst warmest congratulations for Rotorua, where they are spending their honeymoon.

A good (and true?) story is going the round, which shows to what extent the violent ebullitions and caprices of the German Emperor are regarded in his own country. An English gentleman (says the 'Westminster Gazette') it appears, was walking with a friend in Under den Linden, and in the course of a discussion on the Kaiser's conduct committed a grievous error of Magistrate's-Beleidigung. The 'Emperor's a fool,' he exclaimed, whereupon an English-speaking police officer tapped him on the shoulder and said: 'You must come vid me to ze police station.' 'What for?' asked the Englishman. 'Mein herr did call ze Kaiser a fool,' replied the man. 'No, no, no,' urged the 'cute Brittain. 'It was the Russian Emperor I was talking about.' 'Dat vill not vash,' went on the constable, 'dere is no emperor a fool except the German Emperor.' After which, Dame Rumour has it, the police officer and the Englishman agreed to keep each other's secret, and parted on good terms.

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Sheep Dog Trial (Foot Entries)	3.0 p.m.
Leaping Match	4.0 p.m.

SECOND DAY:

Weight Guessing Competition	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sheep Shearing Competition	11 a.m.
Butter Making Competition	11 a.m.
Grand Parade of Draught Horses	1.30 p.m.
Grand Parade of Light Horses, Ponies, etc.	2.0 p.m.
Tandem Driving	2.30 p.m.
Hunting Competition for Ladies	3.0 p.m.
Hunting Competition for Gentlemen	3.30 p.m.
Leaping Matches for Boys' Ponies	4.15 p.m.

ADMISSION:  
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AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, November 8.

The weather has been the cause of ceaseless growls this week. On Tuesday we were nearly suffocated with the sudden heat and heavy clouds, and hastily rushed into print. By the end of the week we were glad to put on our despised woollens, and even furs. Saturday morning looked most unpromising for the openings of the various lawn-tennis grounds; but despite the heavy rain in the morning, the afternoon, though cold, was fine enough to admit of the usual formal ceremonies. At Ferndale, Mount Albert, the lawns were in excellent order, and many players and visitors gathered to admire the flowers, enjoy Mrs Garlick's most delicious afternoon tea, and play or criticise those who were engaged in the quieter game of bowls or more active tennis. The courteous secretary, Mr Sydney Harbutt, had sent out many invitations, and from fifty to eighty people were present, a large number considering the various other attractions and the weather.

Mrs Garlick, black, lace cap relieved with lilac velvet; Misses Gurlick, navy skirts, blue silk blouses; Mrs Jack Garlick, dark blue, with passementerie trimming, white hat; Miss Larkins, a summer mixture of lilac and green, with green silk trimming, Alpine straw hat; Mrs Sellers,



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