

to others. There are a few good machines to be had at about £10, but novices should beware of machines at ridiculously low prices, which are simply made to sell.

The recuperative power of the racing cyclist is something marvellous. Take Porta's case. For the last five or six weeks he has been in a private hospital with a clot of blood on the brain, and he was dangerously ill. Now he's off for a racing trip to the W.A. goldfields. Verily, cyclists are tough.

It has been proved beyond a doubt that New Zealand has produced riders quite equal to Australia, and it is about time that our cyclists began to get somewhere near the times established on the other side; but this will never be accomplished until we see trained teams of pacers.

BOOKS AND BOOKMEN.

The 'Pall Mall Magazine' for April contains much excellent and varied reading matter and illustration. Among the articles the late Lady Mildred Beresford-Hope's 'Five Weeks in Jerusalem,' attractively illustrated, will prove very interesting to many readers. Other interesting articles are 'The Evolution of Comfort in Railway Travelling,' 'The Record of the Gurkhas,' 'An Artist in Antwerp.' This is the first part of a story by C. J. Cutcliffe Hyne, dealing with adventurous episodes in the later life of that Prince Rupert who, according to the declaration of Cromwell's Ironsides, only came to conquer or to die. Another instalment of 'Rupert of Hentzau' enlists our interest still further in this tale of romantic risk and adventure. Mr Quiller-Couch from his Cornish Window talks to us this month in his very best vein. Lord Saville describes, with the aid of special photographs in a short graphically written article, the glories of that interesting old pile, 'Rufford Abbey.' The admirable photograph 'Goesip,' which serves as frontispiece, is from a picture by Edmund Picard, and nothing could be better done than his delineation of the expressions on the faces of the three old dames.

In the April number of the 'Review of Reviews' for Australasia, Prince Ranjitsinhji discourses on why the English Cricket Team failed to conquer the Australians. Mr Stead treats in the Book of the Month, of Zola's 'Paris,' gives an excellent character sketch of Lord Salisbury, and writes interestingly on 'The Threatened War,' in the Topic of the Month. A lengthy article is devoted to the Mining Troubles in Western Australia. The number contains as usual the cream of the magazines.

The March number of 'The West End Review' is to hand and an excellent number it is of its kind. 'The West End Review' should, indeed, prove itself a most acceptable journal to many varied classes of readers, for it offers wholesome, if somewhat light and airy, food, agreeable to a wide variety of mental palates. 'The Review' is profusely illustrated throughout, and Stage and Studio come in for the lion's share of artistic illustration. The tastes of the feminine readers of 'The West End Review' are indefatigably catered for, and in 'Woman's Realm,' ladies are thoroughly instructed as to the latest vagaries of fashion, and receive the latest information with regard to the most effective and correct ways of decorating their persons and their homes.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Hagey Institute which appears in another column of this issue. The work of the Institute has been wonderfully successful, and the management are to be congratulated. Out of the hundreds of cases treated by them, considerably less than ten per cent. have relapsed.

No sooner was La Fronde started in Paris with women for composers and printers than the Government interfered with it for violating the law prohibiting night work for girls, recently passed at the instance of the advocates of women's rights.

Rev. Mr. Goodman—You are a very noble little fellow, Tommy. Now, tell me what deep, underlying principle prompted you to forgive those wicked boys who called you ugly names? Tommy—They were to put it—A: I'm thinking of dabbling a little in stocks. What's a good thing to put your money in? B: Your inside pocket.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor and Lady Ranfurly are expected back in Wellington shortly by the Waikare. Their household staff, carriages and horses, were brought up from the South by the Tutanekei a few days ago.

Mr and Mrs Hugh Beetham (Master-ton) are staying with Mrs T. C. Williams in Wellington.

Mr Cassidy, a Christchurch solicitor, was in an unfortunate predicament last week. He dismounted one night from his bicycle at the gate of Hagley Park, when a gang of four or five roughs assaulted him. He was not, however, seriously hurt.

Mr and Mrs Sydney Johnston (Hawke's Bay), accompanied by their niece, Miss Ingles, have come to Wellington, and leave for England from that port. They intend making an extensive visit to the Old Country.

Mr R. K. Garlick returned to Auckland from Sydney last week.

Miss Heywood, of Christchurch, is at present on a visit to Mrs Barraud, Palmerston North.

Mr Maughan Barnett (Wellington) during his short visit to Nelson was the guest of Mrs Gibbs, Nile-street.

The Minister of Lands, the Hon. Mr McKenzie, has left Wellington for Otago, in order to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs Urquhart, whose death occurred there a few days ago.

Mrs John Studholme arrived from Hobart by the Waimate, and after visiting her daughter, Mrs Barton, at Fareham, Featherston, for a few days, left for the South by the same boat.

Mrs Lightfoot, who has been paying her mother a visit (Mrs W. Kennell, of New Plymouth), has returned home.

Mr Massey, M.H.R., gave a political address at Otahuhu on Wednesday. It was not half as amusing as the political address given in the same place some three or four years ago by the ladies of the Women's Franchise League, but the people believed in it more.

Mrs Corfe passed through Christchurch last week on her way to Dunedin, but will return to Christchurch to visit her old friends.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves, viewing the Rawene Maori outbreak through a London telescope, remarks that it is a small local row. No one ever imagined that all New Zealand had broken out in eruption.

Mrs Salmon and Miss Midge Salmon have returned to Auckland after their two months' trip to Dunedin and Nelson.

A clerk in one of the local bodies in the Auckland Provincial District was 4d out in his accounts. He explained matters to the Government Auditor. The Audit Office in Wellington, tied and bound with red tape, insisted upon the unfortunate clerk repairing forthwith to the Empire City to 'make a personal explanation,' and furthermore required him to pay his own travelling expenses.

Mr and Mrs Masfield, of Manaroa, Pelorus Sound, were in Picton for a day or two last week, on their way to spend a month or two in Hawke's Bay for Mr Masfield's health.

Mr C. C. McMillan, of Remuera, Auckland, has nearly recovered from his sharp attack of bronchitis.

Mr Clendon, Stipendiary Magistrate for the Northern district, has used an immense amount of oil and patience in soothing the troubled natives around Rawene the past few days.

Mr and Mrs Langley Adams, of Nelson, are now living at Stoke. The latter is enjoying better health, though still somewhat of an invalid.

The Misses Hilda, Elsie, and Una Williams (Wellington) are all away, visiting friends up country.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr Arthur Innes Jones, of Motueka, Nelson,

who was accidentally shot in the right shoulder last week. He was out with a lad named Bertie Evans, looking for pigs in the Motueka Valley. Mr Innes Jones was taken to the Nelson Hospital. Though badly hurt, the wound is not likely to prove fatal to the sufferer.

Mr Robertshaw, of Kaikoura, has been appointed postmaster at Picton. Mr and Mrs Robertshaw will be a welcome addition to Picton society.

Misses Fookes, who have been paying Auckland a visit, have returned to New Plymouth.

On Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church, Nelson, Mr Maughan Barnett, of Wellington, presided at the organ. A great many people availed themselves of this opportunity to hear him play.

Miss Lily Fell and Miss Huddleston left Nelson last week for a visit to Sydney.

Sir James Hector, Chancellor of the New Zealand University, went to Dunedin a few days ago to attend a special meeting of the Senate in connection with the last examination papers in the s.a. Matura.

Mr A. E. Clarke, of the Survey Department, New Plymouth, has been granted six months' leave of absence on account of ill-health, and Mr Pollan, from Auckland, has taken his place.

Mrs Russell (Flaxmere, Hawke's Bay), has been paying a short visit to Wellington with Mrs Grace, at Hawkestone-street.

Mr and Mrs Canning, who have been staying in Auckland for some time, have returned to New Plymouth.

Miss Butterworth, of Dunedin, is to be the guest of Mrs Watson, on the Terrace, for a few days.

Mr J. R. Landon, of Auckland, succeeded in winning Mr H. Brett's prize (a handsome bat) for bowling in the senior cricket cup matches this season.

Mrs E. Cox (Auckland) arrived in Christchurch last week to stay with her mother, Mrs Wilkin, Fendalton.

Miss Edith Tahart, of Christchurch, is still the guest of Mrs Rhind.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Pearce returned to Wellington by the Aorangi from Sydney, Mr Pearce having greatly benefited in health from his trip Home.

Miss Heaps, of Nelson, is staying with Miss Wood, Brooklands, for a few weeks.

Mr A. H. Miles, of the firm of Murray, Roberts, and Co., Wellington, left for Vancouver by the Aorangi, en route for England.

The Hons. E. Mitchelson and H. Mossman were passengers by the Westralia for Sydney last week.

Amongst the many visitors in Wellington for the race week are Sir Geo. and Lady Clifford, Mr and Mrs W. E. Birwill (Pahiatua), Mrs Williams (Hawke's Bay), Miss Watt and Miss Ormond (Hawke's Bay), Mr A'Deane (Hawke's Bay), and Miss Wright (Dunedin).

On her return from Christchurch, Mrs H. P. Wynn-Williams spent a few days in Blenheim with Mrs Waddy, before returning to her home in the Pelorus Sound.

Miss Edith Gibson, of Hokitika, spent a few days with Miss Browning, of Stoke, Nelson, and left last week for Australia.

Miss Falkner, of Motueka Valley, is staying with Mrs A. Jones, Nelson.

Mrs Watson (Otago) is at present in Wellington, staying with her aunt, Mrs C. Johnston, in Hobson-street.

Mr and Mrs C. Adams, of Blenheim, made a short visit to Wellington last week to see their son, Mr Arthur Adams, who was about to take his departure for Sydney.

Mr and Mrs Ledger, of Nelson, have gone for a trip to Sydney for the benefit of the latter's health.

Mr and Mrs John Duncan leave Wellington by the next San Francisco mail steamer for England, and Mr Duncan was entertained at a farewell dinner by the Wellington Club last week.

Miss Johansen, of Nelson, paid Blenheim a flying visit last week.

Mr and Mrs J. Conolly, of Blenheim, left last week to visit Christchurch.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Pearce (Wellington) returned from England last week, after having spent an enjoyable time during their seven months' absence.

Dr. M. Christie, who has been on a year's visit to the Old Country, has returned to New Plymouth.

Mr and Mrs Vavasour (Ugbrooke) left Blenheim for Wellington on Monday.

Mrs Harvey (nee Jollie) is at present visiting Wellington, being the guest of Mrs Medley.

Mrs Petre, of Wellington, is staying with her sister, Mrs Lucas, Blenheim.

Mrs Bond (Pelorus Sound) is spending a few days in Blenheim.

Mrs Will Bidwell (Featherstone) is staying in Wellington.

Miss Josephine Gard, of Patea, is visiting her sister, Mrs J. Mowat, in Blenheim.

Mr and Mrs W. Clifford (Flaxbourne) who have been attending the Wellington races, returned on Saturday to Blenheim.

The Misses Watt (Napier) came down to Wellington for the race week.

Mr and Miss Chaytor, of Marshlands, Blenheim, left last Wednesday en route for England. They were accompanied so far by Mrs and the Misses Chaytor (2), and took their departure on the Aorangi on Saturday, bound for Vancouver.

The Misses Horne, of Parnell, Auckland, left last Monday to spend a month in Taranaki.

The Rev. C. H. Laws, of Hawera, a son of Mr T. Laws, of Napier, has been successful in gaining his B.A. degree.

Miss Moorhouse (Wellington) has gone to Nelson for some weeks' visit.

Mrs Lines, of Napier, is paying a visit to Sydney.

Mrs Lee, wife of the late Dr. Lee, had a narrow escape from a train accident in Queen-st., Auckland. She slipped as she was getting out of a tram, and got badly shaken, beside tearing her dress. She was soon able to return home.

Mrs Robinson took a number of young people and children for a delightful picnic to 'The Bluff,' Nelson, on Saturday.

Miss Florence Cotterell, who has been staying with Mrs T. Redwood, at Hlythefield, Blenheim, intends to go to Sydney next week.

Mrs East, of the Bluff Hill, Napier, has gone for a few weeks' visit to Wellington.

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