very pretty in white; Miss Gertruds pooner, white: Mrs E. Davis, plus; Mrs Lewis, Mrs Hendry, Misses Ramagan Mrs Johnston, Miss Robin-son, Miss H. Davis, Miss M. Davis, Miss R. Davis, Miss McKinney, and Miss Young.

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The last eachre party of the series at Humilton took place in the Volunteer Hall on Friday evening. There were a great many members present and the evening was a most enjoyable one. Mesdames Brewis, Oldham, and Stevens were the hostesses on the occasion. Mrs Purdie and Mr Hurd-Wood were the fortunate winners of the two first prizes.

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My Thames correspondent writes: St. Grorge's Hell on Friday evening was the scene of what was declared the most enjoyable dance of the sesson. The Thames bachelors were entertaining their friends, who responded most cheerfully to the invitations issued. Dancing began at eight 'clock, and was kept up until 3.30 a.m. on Satarday morning. The hosts, 'did the thing' in real good style, all the arrangements being perfect in every respect, the gentlemen responsible being Dr. Lapraik, Messrs Marris W. Trice, Teasdale, Empson, McLeod, and Kernick (hon. sccretary). Amongst those present were wits Beale, Miss Beale, Miss Beale, Mirs Greenslade, Misses Hague-Snith (2). Mrs and Miss Bagnall, Mrs Templar, Mrs Reg. Smith, Mrs J. Gray, Mrs and Miss Bagnall, Mrs Clendon, Mrs Beald, Mrs Vright, Mesdames S. Smith, Cave, Yon Hernewitz, A. E. Dodd, West, Casarells, Payne, O'Callaghan; Misses Walker, G'), Busst (Christcharch), Sheridan, Styak, Dunlop, Lawlor, Price (2), Baker, Lloyd, M. Banks, Quick, Witchell (Juckland), Colebroke, Rag. Thomson (Auckland), Edgecumbe, Foy, HaU, Harris, Paterson. West (2), Guthrie, Payne, Beale, Nicol, Gilbespie, Earon, Court, Adams, Haszard (2), Rickit, Preece, Ashman, and Hill: Messrs Jackson (Paerou), Mueller (Paeron), Simpson (Auckland), Empson (Paeron), Nicoll, Quick, Buckland, Griprice, E. Read, Nicol, Gilbespie, E. Payne, Harding, Beale, Chendon, Greenslade, Hage-Snith, Bagnall, Gray, Reg. Smith, Thesh, West, Dunlop, Lawlor, W. Price, A. E. Dodd, Haszard, Adams, Dr. O'Callaghan, Captain Bayldon, and others whose names I do not know. Music was provided by Williams and Rooth's band, and the supper was looked atter by Miss Gwynneth intrduced atter Super was looked.

Ou Cambridge correspondent writes muder date August 20:-Last Friday evening Miss Gwynneth intrduced a change in the usual order of things by giving a progressive cribbage party -a very successful experiment as it proved. Instead of the tables being ruled by the king, as in progressive eachre, the players at each table peg-ged once round the board, when the winnars of the first prizes at the end of the evening after about twenty games were announced to be Miss W. Cave and Mr. Empson and of the second Miss Souter and Mr. Buckland, senr., and "boobies" fell to Mrs Pine and Mr Haesler. The other guests were Mrs Buckland, Mrs Richardson, Mrs (Dr.), Roberts, Mrs N. Huut, Mrs (Dr.), Murdoch, Misses Ward, Motion, Banks, Bnekland, C. Wilkis, Wells, Empson, H. Wells, Messrs Dyer, Cave, Major Minnitt, Von Sturmer, F. Buck-and, Hr. Divit Word, Bouillon, C. Buckland, H. Chitty. Ou Cambridge correspondent writes Chitty.

THE WAIKATO HOUNDS

THE WAIKATO MOUNDS. On Saturday, the 19th, the hounds met at the Pukekura Greamery. The day wis perfect, and several splendid runs were made, resulting in one kill, when Mrs Thornton was awarded the tail. A splendid luncheon was pro-vided by Mr and Mrs T. W. Hicks at Trehaway, when all-concers were hos-pitably entertained. After this a nove was made to Trecarre, where a couple of spirited runs were made, but without a kill. Amongst those riding I noticed Mrs W. Thornton, Mrs Fil-Hing (Te Puke), Mrs Wyan Brown, Mrs Martyn, Misses Banks, Reynolds, and Hicks, Messrs Banks, Reynolds, Walker, Mumford, Wutson, Fisher, Corner, and a great many others. A number of people were driving, and some few walking.

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**************** ORANGE BLOSSOMS

PACEY-MCKENZIE

A very pretty and interesting marringe took place on Wednesday, August 9th, when Mr II. E. Pacey (accountant of N.Z., Dairy Association), second son of Mr Thomas Pacey. of Hawera, late of Auckland, and Margaret Wilhemina, eldest daughter of Mrs John McKenzie, were joined together in the bonds of matrimony, The happy event took place at the ssidence of the bride's mother, residence

Franklin Road, the Rev. Colin C. Harrison, of the Helping Hand Mission, officiating.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr Arthur Pacey, as best man, and Mr H. Blakeley aud Mr J. J. Parker as groomsmen.

The bride looked particularly handsome in a dress of rich effect-silk and wool brocaded material, trimmed with lace and cream silk. Her veil was one of real Limerick lace, and she carried a lovely bouquet.

The bride was attended by three maids, viz., Miss Jean McKenzie (sister), Miss M. Pacey (sister to the bridegroom), and Miss Eva McKenzie (cousin to the bride), who were each dressed in striped silk and wool stuff, trimmed with cream bengaline silk and ribbon. Each carried bouquets and wore opal brooches, which were gifts of the bridegroom.

Mr J. Stewart (lawyer of this city) was the honoured one to give the bride away.

After the ceremony the guests, numbering 40 (relatives and intimate friends), adourned to the dining-room.

where afternoon tea was partaken of. At this time congratulations and good wishes for future happiness, health and good fortune were heaped on the happy couple.

In the evening Mr and Mrs Pacey were met at the Helping Hand Mission Hall, Freeman's Bay (to which they belong) by upwards of 250 members and friends, when a hearty social was held in their honour. The building was tastefully decorated with ing was tastefully decorated with flowers, flags and lanterns. The bridal party, on entering the hall, were 'greeted with Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March.' played by Mrs J. Stewart. Appropriate musical items, etc., were given until about ten o'clock (when the happy pair drove away to their new home), after which supper was handed round; then games were introduced. The 'making merry' continued until just after mid-night, when the company dispersed

hight, when the company dispersed by singing "Auld Lang Syne," Next morning, by the 9.30 train, Mr and Mrs Pacey left on their honey-moon to the Waikato. "The bride's going-away costume was of navy serve

of navy serge. The welding presents numbered about 100, and were both handsome and costly.

ENCACEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss B. Lloyd, daughter of Mr Wm. Lloyd, of Brookby, to Mr F. J. Fenton of this city. of this city.

The engagement is announced of Miss Flo. Stewart, of Ponsonby, Auckland, to Mr Ellis, of Sydney.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary Balfour, Napler, eldest daughter of T. W. Balfour, Esq., late manager Bank of New Zealand, to Mr Frank Perry, of Christchurch, to Hon. J. D. Grmoud, M.L.C. Mis

The engagement is announced of Mr Frank Perrk, of Christchurch, to Miss Maud Donnelly, "Crissoge," Napier.

The engagement of Miss Mary Bal-four, of Napier, to Mr J. Ormond, eldest son of the Hon, J. D. Ormond, M.L.C., of Huwke's Bay, is announced.

RESULT OF Last Test Match COMPETITION.

TWELVE PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

Our competition on the final Angle-Australian test matches has now been concluded, and the 'Graphic' proprie-tary feels it can fairly congratulate itself on the result. Each competition on these matches has proved emin-ently successful, and the interest evinced in the one, the results of which we have now to announce, was stronger than ever, many competitors sending in whole sheaves of coupons in one envelope. Opinions as to the result of the match were more evenly divided than in previous competitions, the numbers in favour of the Austra-lians, the Englishmen, and a draw be-Our competition on the final Anglo-

the numbers in favour of the Austra-lians, the Englishmen, and a draw be-ing about equal. Comparatively few critics, however, anticipated anything like such high scoring as was actually achieved on both sides, and the prophecy that England would make so splendid a score as 576 in a single inning enter-ed into few heads indeed.

THE ACTUAL RESULT.

The actual result of the match was, it will be fresh in everyone's memory, a draw, the English total score being 576, and the Australian total score 606. In judging, the same system as was practised in the third test match was adopted and the following are

THE PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE RESULT OF THE MATCH.

No less than three prizes are gained Mr W. A. Gray, Care of Cook and Gray, Auckland, by

Auckland. Aur Gray is a most persevering com-petitor, sending in a large number of coupons to each of our competitions, and the fact that be has been able to so nearly foretell the right results on no less than three coupons, added to his previous successes, proves very conclusively what we have al-ways maintained, that skill enters largely into these competitions. It will be noticed that amongst the It will be noticed that amongst the other prize winners in this competi-tion are two others who have at one time or another proved successful in our competitions, which fact further substantiates what we have said.

The first, second, and sixth prizes fall, then, to Mr Gray.

The third prize is allotted to Mr Chas. Crosher, Devonport.

The fourth prize goes to W. F. Evans, Care of David Goldie,

Auckland. and the fifth is awarded to

Mr J. G. Bryan, Onehunga.

Amongst those who came nearest the prize winners were Messrs Mar-riner, Kelly, Thomas, Richardson, Gleeson, Brookfield, Holden, Clarke, Ellison, Goldie, Holland, McLeod, and Miss Queenie Bryers. These, with many others in close attendance, ran the prize winners hard, though the re-sults were in every case perfectly char. char.

PRIZE FOR BEST BOWLING AVERAGE,

Lockwood easily secured the best average in the match, taking seven wickets for 104 runs. His friends in the competition were, however, few; Jones, Herne, Rhodes, Howell, Brad-ley, Young, Trumble, and others-even including Ranji-all were greatly. fancied. fancied,

The winners are: Mr A. M. Beale, Mount Roskill and

Eliza May Leaning, Wellesley St. East, both of whom gave Lockwood, Mr Beale giving 8 for 120.

BEST ENGLISH SCORE.

First Prize Miss Queenie Bryers,

Southlea Street, Mount Rokkill,

who foretold Hayward's exact score within one. Second Prize

10.00 J. E. Hollingsworth, Stratford Street, Parnell.

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HIGHEST AUSTRALIAN SCORE. First Priz F. J. Cossev. 1.51 114, Grey Street, who was within one of the exact re-sult (117), by Gregory, and Hugh Holden, Market Street,

Remuera, who was only out by two.

"On the Edge of the Precipice."

OUR NEW SERIAL STORY.

COMMENCES NEXT WEEK. We have secured for our readers the rights of a new tale by that well-known authoress

rights of a new tale by that well-known authoress MARY ANGELA DICKENS, grand-daughter of the great novelist, and author of such standard novels as "Prisoners of Silence," "Against the Tide," "Cross Currents," "A Mere Cypher," etc., etc. In construction of plot, in method of treatment, and in style of diction Miss Dickens' stories exhibit characteristics peculiar to their author; and prove her to be a writer of marked individuality. She mani-fests great skill in the manipulation of incidents; has a keen perception of the dramatic possibilities of a situation; brings to her work a vivid imagination and a fine insight into the hidden springs of human action; and welds all these qualities into a harmonious whole by excellent craftmanship and a dexterous and facile pen.

OUTLINE OF THE STORY.

OUTLINE OF THE STORY. Cecil and Rachel Cochrane are the ostracised nephew and niece of a well-to-do country clergyman whose sister, has contracted a mesallance. The rev. gentleman is careful to shield his only child, Violet, from contami-nating contact with her consins, and hopes to wed her to his curate. But, as if in very irony, fortune plays into Cecil's hands. Whilst cycling in 'a London' suburb Violet' Drummond meets with an accident near to where the Cochranes live, and Cecil takes her to his sister's rooms. When she re-gains consciousness, Violet has lost all memory of past events and is quite helpless. Circumstances have favours ed the Cochranes, and Cecil matures a scheme for securing a handsome re-ward from the distracted father. He is about to put his plan into execution when a startling discovery male by Rachel puts another complexion on the matter. matter

Rachel purs another complexion on the matter. Rachel Cochrane has the soul of an actress. She is, in fact, a histrionic genius, but her plain face, and plainer figure have effectually stiffed any hopes of success on the stage. One day she discovers that although the past is a blank Violet has a peculiarly tenacious memory for new impressions and can reproduce every word, every accent, every gesture she hears or sees. Rachel perceives that herein is a splendid source of gain, especially in view of the fact that Violet is a very beautiful woman. The author does not fail to realise, and to take advantage of. the pos-

The author does not fail to realise, and to take advantage of, the pos-sibilities of this new situation. There are many dramatic scenes in the course of the story, which contains a stirring lore. element. The whole work is pervaded by subtle, indefinable qualities which attract the reader's interest with growing and compelling power.

WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE, AND BE CONTINUED WEEKLY.

ON THE EDGE OF THE PRECIPICE.

THE DOOM OF THE CURLING TONGS.

THE DOOM OF THE CURLING TONGS. The curling tongs (says "M.A.P.") are doomed, and straight-haired women, who never submitted to the process of having their hair undulated to increase their charms will find themselves once more in the fashion. The rebellion against the crimping which has been popular for several years, will probably be enduring. Wigs have suddenly grown fashion-able, as the result of the excessive use of the crimping iron on women's heads in recent years. The fashion of hav-ing the hair crimped from the roots right down to the ends made its ap-pearance first about ten years ago, and inmediately became popular. It was becoming to most women, and for once women who possessed beauti-fully waving and curly hair were equalled by artificial devices. Once a woman had submitted bereaft to the process and then looked into the glass she was a victim of the habit,