

very pretty in white; Miss Gertrude Spooner, white; Mrs E. Davis, pink; Mrs Lewis, Mrs Hendry, Misses Hamman, Mrs Johnston, Miss Robinson, Miss H. Davis, Miss M. Davis, Miss R. Davis, Miss McKimney, and Miss Young.

The last euchre party of the series at Hamilton took place in the Volunteer Hall on Friday evening. There were a great many members present and the evening was a most enjoyable one.

My Thames correspondent writes: St. George's Hall on Friday evening was the scene of what was declared the most enjoyable dance of the season. The Thames bachelors were entertaining their friends, who responded most cheerfully to the invitations issued.

Our Cambridge correspondent writes under date August 20:—Last Friday evening Miss Gwynneth introduced a change in the usual order of things by giving a progressive cribbage party—a very successful experiment as it proved.

On Saturday, the 19th, the hounds met at the Pikekura Creamery. The day was perfect, and several splendid runs were made, resulting in one kill, when Mrs Thornton was awarded the tail.

Clark's World-Famous Blood Mixture.—The most searching Blood Cleaner that science and medical skill have brought to light.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

PACEY—McKENZIE.

A very pretty and interesting marriage took place on Wednesday, August 9th, when Mr H. 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 residence of the bride's mother, 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 and 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.

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), adjourned 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.

Next morning, by the 9.30 train, Mr and Mrs Pacey left on their honeymoon to the Waikato.

The wedding presents numbered about 100, and were both handsome and costly.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss B. Lloyd, daughter of Mr Wm. Lloyd, of Brookby, to Mr F. J. Fenton 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, Napier, eldest daughter of T. W. Balfour, Esq., late manager Bank of New Zealand, to Mr Frank Perry, of Christchurch, to Hon. J. D. Ormond, M.L.C.

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

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

RESULT OF Last Test Match COMPETITION.

TWELVE PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

Our competition on the final Anglo-Australian test matches has now been concluded, and the "Graphic" proprietary feels it can fairly congratulate itself on the result.

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 innings entered 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 by

Mr W. A. Gray, Care of Cook and Gray, Auckland.

Mr Gray is a most persevering competitor, sending in a large number of coupons to each of our competitions, and the fact that he 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 always maintained, that skill enters largely into these competitions.

It will be noticed that amongst the other prize winners in this competition 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 Marziner, 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 results were in every case perfectly clear.

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, Bradley, Young, Trumble, and others—even including Ranji—all were greatly fancied.

The winners are:

Mr A. M. Beale, Mount Roskill, and Eliza May Learning, 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 Robkill, who foretold Hayward's exact score within one. Second Prize J. E. Hollingsworth, Stratford Street, Farnell.

HIGHEST AUSTRALIAN SCORE. First Prize—F. J. Cooney, 114, Grey Street, who was within one of the exact result (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

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.

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 mesalliance. The rev. gentleman is careful to shield his only child, Violet, from contaminating contact with her cousins, 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 regains consciousness Violet has lost all memory of past events and is quite helpless. Circumstances have favoured the Cochranes, and Cecil matures a scheme for securing a handsome reward from the distracted father. He is about to put his plan into execution when a startling discovery made by Rachel puts 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 stifled 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 possibilities of this new situation. There are many dramatic scenes in the course of the story, which contains a stirring love 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 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 fashionable, as the result of the excessive use of the crimping iron on women's heads in recent years. The fashion of having the hair crimped from the roots right down to the ends made its appearance first about ten years ago, and immediately became popular. It was becoming to most women, and for once women who possessed beautifully waving and curly hair were equalled by artificial devices. Once a woman had submitted herself to the process and then looked into the glass she was a victim of the habit.