

## INTERPROVINCIAL CRICKET.

CANTERBURY WANDERERS V. HAWKE'S BAY.

The cricket match between Hawke's Bay and Christchurch Wanderers resulted rather unexpectedly in the win of the Hawkes. Men on the spot knew all through that the match would be an open one, the Hawke's Bay bowling being excellent. Gore won the toss, and sent the visitors to the field. Westenholme and Fitzbill faced the bowling, the latter soon enabling Bowen to make a clever catch at square leg. Westenholme made a good 15, and was then caught by Ridley off one of Labatt's. Ludbrook only added one to the score, and then White and Gore settled down to steady play, Gore scoring, and White playing a good and fairly free game, placing a run or so to his credit whenever occasion offered. He was clean bowled after making 17, and with the exception of Hawkins (12) no other batsman reached double figures. Rees was a disappointment to many. In an endeavour to drive Labatt he failed to get on him, and was cleverly caught by Ridley behind the wicket without having scored.

The excellent fielding of the Wanderers was much admired by the local men. The Southlanders seemed very confident when Harman and Ridley took the wicket—facing the bowling of Hawkins and Rees, the latter soon sending Harman away l.b.w. Ridley and Harman appeared to rather appreciate Rees' bowling, and he was relieved by Westenholme with Smith at the other end. Hawkins caught Harman off Westenholme after he had made 11 in very confident style. Mathias played sterling cricket, and his l.b.w. at 25 was a great piece of luck for the Hawkes. Rees who had now resumed got Laurence to give a chance, taken advantage of by Westenholme. The remaining wickets gave the bowlers little trouble. Gore was in fine form, his 5 wickets for 19 runs being excellent. Rees, with 2 for 23, was scarcely equal to his reputation, but his fielding was exceptionally smart. So, indeed, was that of White and Westenholme. With these exceptions, however, Hawke's Bay cannot be complimented on their smartness in the field. In the second innings of Hawke's Bay, Rees and White were the heroes. The latter's 53 was a splendid performance. As is now known, the innings closed for 105, and the Wanderers collapsed for 47; the bowling of Westenholme was altogether too much for the Canterbury men.

## TEA-TABLE CHAT.

My good friend Hawkshaw sends me the following par by the 'Frisco mail':—'That well advertised "tub thumper," the so-called General Booth, has again returned to his native shore after, no doubt, having had a very luxurious and comfortable trip abroad at the expense of his weaker and well-endowed brethren. What good the trip will have accomplished, with the exception of having secured the General's health from an unpleasantly severe winter, yet remains to be proved. What does strike an ordinary individual, however, as a positive absurdity and monstrous waste of money is the reception awarded him at Southampton, and London, with its concomitant tomfoolery. Why, for instance, the chartering of eleven special steamers, procured no doubt at an enormous expense, which money certainly had far better been given to the poor? Yet this self-appointed apostle or purveyor of rowdiness and profanity seemed to take it only as his due, and declared, indeed, he should have been much surprised if his faithful army had not accorded him a reception which was only befitting so great and good a man as himself.'

Most of us are tired of the 'surprise' party. Personally I have always regarded it as an aggravated piece of impertinence on the part of the surprisers. To walk into another man's house, drag up his carpets, dance in his drawing-room, eat in his dining-room, and (alas! too often) smoke in his bedroom, appears to me to justify the werner in homicide on a pretty extensive scale. It is, no doubt, pleasant for the young and thoughtless, who usually carry out these things, but to the unfortunate recipients, weary with a long day's outing, upset with a bad headache, a servant's sudden departure or what not, the surprise is an unwelcome and unpleasant one. The new departure in the way of surprise parties does away entirely with the latter risk.

The *modus operandi* is as follows, the guests being the surprised parties, not the host and hostess. Cards are sent round the day before the party bearing this inscription:—

AT HOME

Thursday, April 7th, 1892.

A carriage will call for you at seven o'clock.

You dress in whatever evening garments you deem suitable, or may happen to possess, for the father of a family is enabled to delightfully inform his female relatives that there is absolutely and evidently no time to procure new tainment of any description. Hence *patrefamilias* likes the new idea amazingly. The carriage or omnibus bears you away, calling en route for other invited friends. The surprise lasts until you arrive at your destination, which is *en jete* to welcome you. Each lady and each gentleman receives, on entering the reception room, a card bearing a number. Then it is the duty of each gentleman to find out the lady whose card bears the number corresponding to his. They dance the first waltz together, and are partners in the procession to the supper-room in search of that welcome refreshment. No party can be stiff and formal under these circumstances.

## TENNIS + TOPICS

MISS MAGGIE KENNEDY has won the Ladies' Single Championship at the Thorndon Courts, Wellington. In the final she played against Miss Trimnell, and although both were well contested, Miss Kennedy managed to win the first two sets.

THE Otago Lawn Tennis Association Men's Handicap Singles tournament has reached its final stage. Harraway beat Hogg by 11-9, and Ronaldson defeated Gillies easily by 9-1. Harraway and Ronaldson thus play off for the trophy, and I think the latter will win, as he is showing good form, and has a handicap from his opponent.

THE second round of the Auckland Tennis Association Inter-Club doubles was played off on Saturday, 2nd inst. Parnell being drawn against the Eden and Epsom Tennis Club, when the latter won all the events. Eden and Epsom scored a bye in the first ladies' doubles, owing to the non-appearance of one of the Parnell representatives. The most interesting match played on the Eden ground was the fixture between Messrs Carr and Morrison (E) and Messrs Robison and Tonks (P). Although the Parnellites only scored one set, the match was well-contested. Carr did not seem to be in his usual form, but his partner, by his continual bobbing, wore their opponents out. Robison played steady and careful game throughout. His partner, however, nullified this to a great extent by his erratic play.

THE other double which also took place on the Eden ground between Messrs Blyth and Uphill (E) and Messrs Harrison and Tempest (P) was too close to be pleasant for the Edenites, being two sets all, and Parnell five games to three in the final set; but chiefly owing to the superhuman efforts of Uphill, who evidently made up his mind that nothing would pass him, and the careful placing of Blyth, they managed to pull up and win the final set 8-6. Harrison's back hand strokes were much admired, while Tempest played in a style peculiar to himself, 'equalled by few, surpassed by none.'

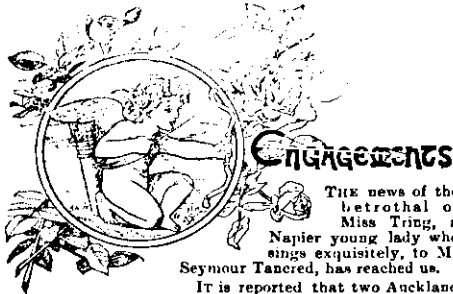
THE other events were played on the Parnell ground. Misses E. Bull and C. Hardie represented the Edenites in the second ladies' double against Mesdames Blair and Thomas, Miss E. Bull kindly filling Miss E. Hesketh's place, who at the last moment was unable to play. In this event Parnell played a sure but soft game. Mrs Blair evidently did not relish balls being sent to her left. Her opponent, Miss Bull, was also weak in this respect. Mrs Thomas (P) and Miss C. Hardie (E) both played a good game, and if it had not been for the latter's judicious placing, Parnell would have gone very near winning this event.

THE first combined match between Miss M. Paton and Mr Hooper (E) and Miss Laisley and Mr Goodhue (P) was won rather easily by the former. Goodhue is not in his old champion form, but he and his partner played a good game. Hooper, however, backed up as he was by a good lady partner, completely smothered them, giving them a taste of his quality in placing and smashing, in which department of the game his play was really brilliant. The second combined between Miss Bull and Mr Sykes (E) and Miss Rookes and Mr Tucker (P) was well contested, and after a hard struggle, in which all played well, resulted in a win for the former.

## THE STRANDING OF THE ELGINSHIRE.

(SEE ILLUSTRATIONS.)

It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and even a shipping calamity like the stranding of the Elginshire at Normandy is giving a financial lift to some good colonials. The astute gentleman of Timaru who bought the frozen mutton for a mere song has, so 'tis said, made many hundreds per cent. on the amount he risked in the speculation. The operations of stripping are now progressing. The circumstances of the occurrence are well known to most. The Home liner went ashore at Normandy, near Timaru, on March 7th. There was a thick fog over the sea at the time of the mishap. The steamer is jammed between two rocks forward, and there are rocks along both sides, and the vessel's stern is lifted from two to two and a-half feet above the proper level. The attempt to pump the water out from between the double bottom shows that the outer skin is greatly damaged, and the fact that water is in the inner two chambers shows that the rocks have penetrated through the inner skin too. Three tugs made most strenuous endeavours to get her off, and the steamer's great screw churned the waters of the bay madly in efforts to sid them, but it was all in vain. Cargo was jettisoned, but this did no good, and it was finally resolved to sell the meat and strip the vessel. Our illustrations depicting the Elginshire on the rocks, the appearance of the bay, and the attempt to tug the great steamer into deep water are from sketches and photographs taken on the spot.



## ENGAGEMENTS.

THE news of the betrothal of Miss Ting, a Napier young lady who sings exquisitely, to Mr Seymour Tancred, has reached us.

It is reported that two Auckland engagements are to be soon terminated in matrimony—those of Miss Amy Davis and Mr Tunks, and Miss Katie Chambers-Taylor and Mr W. Shera.

THE engagement is announced of Miss Baillie, eldest daughter of Captain Baillie, M.L.C., of Para, and Mr E. B. Brown, of Wellington. Miss Baillie's numerous Blenheim friends, though grieving at the thought of losing her, temper their regret with the pleasant thought that Wellington is delightfully near.

THE engagement has just been announced of Miss Mendelsohn, of Dunedin, to Mr Phineas Selig, the well-known Christchurch journalist.

## ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

THERE is a great danger nowadays of weddings degenerating into mere spectacles, and the relief from the usual crowd of gaping, gazing, gaggling spectators of a smart function to a quiet wedding in the pretty little church of St. Luke's, Mount Albert, Auckland, witnessed by a few sympathetic friends, was very great. Such was the marriage of Miss Janet Martin, eldest daughter of Mr R. Martin, of Mount Albert. The happy bridegroom is Mr Robert Harper, of Gisborne. The bride was tastefully dressed in an exquisitely-fitting travelling costume of fawn, with a crescent spot in brown silk. The bodice was in the Newmarket style, and was effectively edged with white cord, a white silk vest completing the dress. She wore a very becoming little bonnet, chiefly composed of white lilac, with a tulle veil, and looked charming and happy. She carried a lovely white bouquet tied with white ribbon. Her sister, Miss Maude Martin, the bridesmaid, and looked particularly nice in a prettily-made lilac-pink frock, fashioned after the Grecian style, and a fascinating hat of white drawn silk; she had also a posy. Both sisters wore dainty bronze shoes.

THESE dresses, as also some very chic trousseau gowns, were made by Mrs Beehan, Queen-street. One of the latter dresses is of navy serge, glove-fitting, with large smoke pearl buttons, and has interchangeable vests of various colours. The riding habit is a very handsome one of black cloth, piped. A silk hat is to be worn with it. Other pretty trousseau items were a sauteen tea-gown, a corflower blue dress, figured, with lace flounce, Newmarket costume of greenish silk, vest, and cord-trimmed, lovely white embroidered gown, Persian shawl, pink silk knitted wrap, etc., etc. The underlinen was very handsome, and in good taste.

BUT to return to the wedding-party. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Dudley, Miss Martin's elder brother giving her away, though Mr Martin escorted her up the aisle. Mrs Martin looked very well in a handsome black silk, black lace shawl, cream-feathered bonnet; Mrs Motion was in rich black satin and lace, with fawn and brown bonnet; Mrs Scherff, brown-coloured costume, with cream lace scarf, pretty velvet bonnet of the new shade of crushed strawberry, which is almost terra-cotta; Mrs J. M. Alexander, shaded blue bonnet, black dress; Mrs Rattray, grey, black lace bonnet with pink chrysanthemums; Mrs Charles Taylor and Miss Dixon, black, with white vests; Miss Katie Chambers-Taylor, white blouse, black skirt; Miss N. Scherff, lilac flowered delaine, becoming new-shaped sailor hat; her youngest sister was in navy blue.

THE marriage of Miss Elmslie, third daughter of the Rev. Dr. Elmslie, took place very quietly at Christchurch, only the near relatives of the bride being present. Mr Godwin, of Hangitata, was the bridegroom. Mrs Dalgetty and Mrs Campbell, sisters of the bride, were present at the wedding.

LADIES, for Afternoon Tea, use AYLESBROOK'S Omelette BISCUITS and CAKES, a perfect delicacy.—ADVT.