

# Society Gossip

## AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, April 5.  
The main event of this week and the end of last has, of course, been

### THE AUTUMN MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB AT ELLERSLIE.

On Saturday I really began to ask myself if people are beginning to get a little tired of racing, for the crowd on the lawn and on the grandstand was smaller than I ever seem to remember it under similar conditions of weather, the day being perfect. It was, however, very comfortable, there being oceans of room on the stand, and no chance of having one's seams jumped if one went for a stroll on the lawn. Moreover, I have seldom seen the lawn, course, and general surroundings looking better. The vivid green of the sward was really beautiful, and the caretaker had the grass in perfect order. The music was good, and the catering above reproach. The luncheon arrangements were particularly good, the menu being liberal and the service excellent. A good number of ladies do not, however, patronise the lunch, and have asked me to suggest that sandwiches might be placed on the afternoon tea-tables at a small extra charge per head, say 3d. or 6d. Cakes, however good, do not satisfy when one is out for all day, and it is not everyone can afford, say, four shillings a head for a meal. Now for some of the dresses.

#### ON THE FIRST DAY

I noticed:  
Mrs. Morrin, handsome royal blue gown richly trimmed with Paris lace medallions, chine ribbon ceinture, and burnt straw hat wreathed with lilac; Miss Morrin, cream serge gown, with old gold corset belt, pretty blue hat; Mrs. Foster, smart black crepe de chine gown, with yoke and deep cuffs of cream lace, black picture hat; Miss Pearl Clark, pretty pale grey voile, with gauged skirt, cream lace yoke and large black hat; Mrs. Hanna, champagne spotted voile gown, finished with Paris lace, hat en suite; Miss Jackson, dainty grey tucked voile gown, with black hat; Miss Williamson, white cloth coat and skirt, white and blue vest, large white felt hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs. (Dr.) Reed, slate blue cloth sac coat and skirt, with white facings, burnt straw hat trimmed with berries; Mrs. Abbott (Wellington), striking gown of pink sunray-pleated voile over glass silk, pale pink silk hat, and lovely white tippet and muff; Mrs. Wright, grey tweed Russian coat and skirt, white vest, smart French sailor hat trimmed with brown ribbons and autumn leaves; Miss Atkinson, white spotted muslin frock trimmed with insertion, yellow sash and large black hat; and her sister was in a grey French muslin, with black hat; Mrs. Leo Myers wore a champagne voile toilette with Paris lace and pale green ribbon trimmings, black hat with green leaves and bird of paradise spray; Mrs. Lawson, pale green voile costume, with cream net and lace vest, white hat trimmed with pink roses; Mrs. W. Churton, white voile coat and skirt, with white vest, black and white toque; Mrs. Hume, holland costume, with large black hat; Miss Peuri Little, pretty stone grey voile gown, with tucked white yoke, hat en suite; Miss Mitchellson, green cloth coat and skirt, green felt hat to match; Mrs. Frater, handsome black tucked voile gown, trimmed with black applique and cream lace, black hat; Mrs. Angus Gordon, pretty floral delaine gown with Tuscan hat trimmed with white and crimson spotted ribbon; Miss Corrie, grey and white figured muslin, trimmed with border of same material, black hat; Miss Gwen Gerrie was in a grey spotted delaine gown, made with numberless frills; large black picture hat; Mrs. Kenny, dainty white muslin tucked and inset with wide lace, black plumed hat lined with white chiffon; Mrs. Roberts, rich black silk gown, handsomely trimmed with black lace, vest and full undersleeves of white silk, pretty black and white toque; Mrs. Robert Dargaville, grey and white French muslin, trimmed with white lace, black and white hat; Mrs. Shepherd (Dargaville) black voile skirt with sunray-pleated frill, black silk blouse, trimmed with black applique,

black plumed hat; Mrs. Duthie, shabby cream voile skirt, with pretty white silk blouse inset with cream lace, smart crimson and cream hat; Miss Olive Smoedgrass (Ashburton), navy blue Russian costume, with cream vest, navy blue French sailor hat trimmed with blue and green; Miss Violet Smoedgrass wore a green frieze costume with cream vest, and Bratonne hat to match; Mrs. George Dunnett, grey checked tweed costume, with black strappings, pretty black and white toque wreathed with forget-me-nots and green leaves; Miss Dunnett, stylish brown cloth costume, finished with Paris lace and pale blue, lovely toque with cluster of shaded geraniums; Miss Percival wore a pretty pale grey voile gown, with cream vest, Tuscan hat trimmed with autumn leaves and moss green velvet; Miss E. Percival was in brown, finished with Paris lace threaded with turquoise blue, cream and blue hat to match; Miss M. Torrance, green linen coat and skirt, cream vest, relieved with pink, Tuscan hat trimmed with dahlia choux of pink and green; Miss Prece, black voile skirt, laced with ribbon, pretty white milk blouse, inserted with lace, pale blue sash and country girl hat, with floral trimmings and pale blue ribbon; Miss Penton wore a cream voile coat and skirt, with Paris lace medallions, sea-green silk blouse, with transparent cream lace yoke, large black hat; Misses Kerr-Taylor were dressed alike in holland skirts and pale green blouses, with pale green hats to match; Miss Zoe George looked very pretty in a cream canvas voile coat and skirt with net and lace vest and deep Paris lace collar, sash of chine ribbon, large black picture hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs. T. Hope Lewis wore a black velvet gown with collar and revers of white silk spotted with black, black hat with feathers; Miss Lewis was in a pretty pale blue hopsacking Russian gown, cream lace vest and large black hat; Mrs. Markham, cream voile skirt, dainty white silk blouse and black hat with long black ostrich plume; Miss Dignan wore a cream figured muslin frock trimmed with cream insertion, rose pink toque trimmed with cream lace and shaded pink roses; Miss Tolhurst, striking gown of pretty floral silk, trimmed with cream insertion and narrow pink ribbon, Tuscan hat wreathed with pink poppies and leaves; Mrs. Devore, dark grey canvas inset with bands of black insertion over black glass silk, black sequin toque; Miss Coleman, dainty white tucked silk with turquoise blue choux, white hat trimmed with ostrich feathers; Mrs. Jackson (Wellington), striking gown of blue silk voile with wide folded ceinture and trimmings of miroir velvet, cream lace motifs on collar and cream vest, pretty pale green hat with clusters of violets; Miss Lennox, cream voile skirt and white silk and insertion blouse, burnt straw hat; Mrs. McDonald, handsome black silk gown with white vest, black bonnet with cluster of pale pink roses; Miss McDonald was in cream voile with motifs of Paris lace and hat en suite; Miss Want (Sydney), pale grey floral muslin trimmed with border of same material, smart black hat; Miss Byron Moore (Melbourne) was in a pale champagne-tinted embroidered grass lawn, tussore silk paddock coat, black hat trimmed with tulle and feathers; Miss Robertson, white tucked voile gown with deep lace collar, black picture hat; Mrs. Sharman, black sunray pleated voile gown trimmed with Oriental embroidery, large black hat; Mrs. Lowrie (Hastings), white embroidered silk voile gown elaborately gauged and relieved with touches of black, black and white hat; Mrs. Alison, beautiful floral silk gown trimmed with lace and white tucked chiffon and narrow velvet ribbon, pretty toque trimmed with clusters of violets and green leaves; Miss Alison, brown cloth costume with brown hat relieved with crimson; Mrs. John Neill, black and white canvas over white inset with wide black insertion, large black hat; Mrs. Blair (Melbourne), smart black sunray pleated voile gown over glass silk, pretty blue toque trimmed with black and white; Miss George, very pretty pale grey crepe de chine gown over pink, finished with Paris lace, large black hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs. Dr. Scott wore a black voile sac coat and skirt finished with black applique, pink silk blouse and black hat; Mrs. George Bloomfield was gowned in pale grey hopsack, with deep lace collar edged with drop ornaments, wide satin ceinture and black picture hat; Mrs. E. Horton (nee Griffiths) wore a lovely black crepe de chine with deep yoke outlined with black and

white spotted silk, large black plumed hat; Miss Horton wore a pretty grey Russian costume with stitched bands, grey hat swathed with velvet of a darker shade; Miss Kathleen Thompson, heliotrope coat and skirt relieved with black, cream vest, pretty Tuscan hat trimmed with green; Mrs. Ernest Bloomfield wore a lovely gown of pink silk muslin with Victorian yoke of Paris lace, wide silk ceinture and black hat; Mrs. Cotter, beautifully fitting gown of royal blue voile richly embellished with Oriental embroidery and Paris lace, smart blue toque to match; Miss Cotter wore a pretty pale pink silk frock shirred and inserted with Paris lace, chine silk sash and pink hat to correspond; Miss W. Cotter was in turquoise blue crepe de chine, inserted with cream lace, large black hat; Mrs. Davy, black silk voile gown with black silk mantle, black bonnet relieved with white; Miss Davy, blue and white floral muslin frock with blue ceinture and black hat trimmed with blue; Mrs. Jones, black silk gown and black hat.

#### THE SECOND DAY.

The weather was not nearly so pleasant on the second day, the sky being overcast, and a rather nasty wind blowing. Mrs. Lowrie (Hastings), very fine black and white spotted net over pale pink, large black hat; Mrs. T. Hope Lewis, black voile gown, trimmed with black lace medallions, smart crimson toque; Miss Lewis, cream sunray pleated voile gown, with white silk and insertion blouse, pretty red hat; Mrs. J. R. Reed, navy blue crepe de chine gown, with black hat; Miss Thorpe, pretty cream voile coat and skirt, white tucked chiffon vest, relieved with yellow, black hat; Miss — Thorpe, cream serge costume, with Brussels net and lace vest, wide satin ceinture, cream and brown hat; Mrs. McLaughlin, stylish Royal blue silk gown, with wide accor-

dion-pleated frill and faggotted seams, cream vest, black and cream toque; Mrs. Marshall, cream Limerick robe over yellow glass silk, with black and yellow toque; Mrs. Thornton (Cambridge), dainty white Swiss muslin gown, inset with bands of white insertion, white hat, trimmed with white tulle choux; Mrs. Worsp, black crepe de chine, with deep yoke of Paris lace, black and cream toque; Miss Worsp wore a pretty cream voile, with faggotted seams and large black hat; Miss B. Worsp, green shirred voile gown, with cream vest and cream hat; Mrs. Denniston, black Louise silk gown over white, with faggotted seams and lace yoke, black hat; Miss Denniston, cream voile skirt, with white silk blouse, pretty blue hat; Miss De Camp, black costume; Mrs. Cotter, smart cloth gown, with velvet strappings and black applique insertions, black toque to match; Miss Cotter, Royal blue cloth coat and skirt, piped with plaid silk, cream vest, and red French sailor hat; Miss W. Cotter wore a very pretty reseda green faggotted tweed, with Victorian yoke of Paris lace, finished with pale blue medallions and deep fringe, hat en suite; Mrs. Morrin, Royal blue canvas voile gown over glass silk, handsomely trimmed with lace motifs, chine silk ceinture, and black hat, wreathed with heliotrope; Miss Morrin, pink linen Russian costume, with white vest, pale blue hat, trimmed with shaded clover blossoms; Mrs. Walker, handsome black gown, with black plumed hat; Miss Zoe George wore a cream voile costume, Tuscan hat, floral crown; Miss Ida Thompson, navy blue and white striped cloth gown, with blue braided strappings, white hat, trimmed with wings and ribbon; Miss Nellie Walker, cream voile, trimmed with beautiful cream lace, black hat; Miss Williamson, pale green hopsacking coat and skirt, with white vest, large white picture hat; Mrs. Cyril Bell, cream silk voile, inset

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"Tis said the English nation was  
Built on sea loaves and bread,  
And young Australia mutton fed  
The Minster-land holds dear;  
So let us then, our standard raise,  
One flag, one hope, one brewer;  
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The Minister for Customs has  
Collection plans well laid,  
The merchant smuggler's days are o'er,  
For duty must be paid;  
As surely, the day hath not past,  
That all from rich to poor,  
Will do their duty to themselves,  
With Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

"What ails' thee, dearer?" she asked in unrest,  
Her seat was a log, and her pillow his breast—  
The eyes she gazed in were fiery and red—  
In tones like the grating of stingers, he said:  
"Gather in my head and a coil on my chest,  
Beside a night, cough that is breaking my rest."  
"Go, dearer," she whispered, "all o'er, and  
A bottle of Woods' Great Peppermint Cure."

**THE POET THAT FAILED.**

A bony poet roamed his cottage bare,  
And with his fingers counted his orange hair,  
"Name's mine," he cried, "I'vee, bridge's all alive,  
Wint sauce with chicken, said with endive,  
I would be nice for dinner every time,  
With fried spring onion, if I could but rhyme  
This one word 'Cure,' and find a line to match  
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Now he is hale and hearty, muscular  
As Stanford's self, and now his lucky star  
He thanks, although he could not find a word  
To rhyme with "Cure" and his great heart is  
stuffed,  
What time that PEPPERMINT, MINT, or PEPPERMINT,  
He takes; he's working as a smith; no staid  
He's known since that he marked off the Muse and took  
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