

The trained skirt gauged and banded with pale blue silk applique, champagne lace and chiffon on bodice, finished with silk applique, pale blue and grey toque; Mrs. John Anderson wore a black voile costume, smart mauve straw hat with ruche and flowers to match; Mrs. A. Nixon, cream canvas frock with champagne lace, black chenille hat with plumes; Miss Blennerhasset, navy blue serge tailor-made coat and skirt, white silk vest, white sailor hat; Mrs. Alexander wore a lovely pale mauve taffeta silk costume, elaborately trimmed with gauings of the same material, and relieved with rich cream lace applique, with the gauged bodice was worn a high swathed belt, early Victorian bonnet of cream gauged chiffon, deep mauve ostrich feather, and emerald green satin strings; Miss Alexander, hyacinth blue silk frock, gauged skirt, and bodice trimmed with ruches of same material and lace, hat to match; Mrs. A. Lewis wore a handsome gown of pale grey voile over grey silk, with exquisite lace on bodice, black and white hat; Mrs. Bridgewater, cream costume with insertion, cream fancy straw hat with chiffon, and relieved with pale blue; Mrs. Jackson, black silk costume, black mantle with applique, black and white Victorian bonnet; Mrs. J. T. Stewart, pale grey brocade with heliotrope flowers on it and lace, black and white toque, relieved with heliotrope spray of flowers; Miss Montgomerie, pale blue voile, the trained skirt was gauged, fichu of cream net and lace, black and white hat; Miss Barnicoat, pale blue muslin veiling, profusely trimmed with champagne embroidery, cream straw hat with shaded blue flowers. There were also present—Messrs Sarjeant, Izard, Blundell, Harold, Hardwick, Watson, Atkins, Liffiton, Bridgewater, Humphreys, Empson, Wray, Alison, M. Jones, and many others.

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PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dear Bee, March 24.

Last Wednesday evening Mrs Fuller, Broad-street, gave

A MOST ENJOYABLE EUCHRE PARTY.

Play was continued till about 10.30 p.m., when the fortunate winners were presented with their prizes. Miss Alice Reed won the ladies' prize, a silver-mounted pepper pot, and Miss Dora Reed the booby prize, a vase. Among the men Mr Harden was the most successful, and received a silver pencil. Mr Collins, as the booby, was presented with an ash tray. A dainty supper was then served, after which there was some music and singing. Songs were given by Miss Reed and Messrs Collins, Smith, and Richter. Mrs Fuller was becomingly dressed in black satin, with touches of scarlet on corsage. Her visitor, Miss Thompson (Melbourne) looked pretty in a white silk skirt, tucked and made with a deep flounce, pale blue silk blouse, profusely trimmed with cream lace. Miss Richter wore white muslin, made with frills, black bows on corsage; Miss Armstrong, tucked white silk, gold sequined lace on bodice; Miss Reed, white silk and chiffon; Miss Alice Reed, black velvet, pale blue silk frills on bodice and sleeves, blue silk sash; Miss Nannestad, white silk, much trimmed with insertion, white chiffon on corsage; Miss Collins, blue satin skirt, lovely cream silk blouse; Miss Robinson, black satin skirt, white silk blouse; Miss Belle Robinson, white silk frock. The men present included Messrs Fuller, Harden (2), Richter, Reed, Collins (3), Vaughan, Spencer, and Smith.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

was fine, and passed very pleasantly and quietly in Palmerston. Large numbers of holiday makers went to the sports at Awahuri and Raumai. Others went by train to Levin, to be present at the Horowhenua races. Mr and Mrs McRae, Mr and Mrs A. Bell, Mr and Mrs E. W. Hitchens were amongst those who went from here. As usual, the croquet and tennis lawns attracted a large number of players. Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs Milton and Mrs Innes, and a very pleasant time spent. Among those present were Messdames Bell, Milton, Innes, Campbell, Randolph, Misses Wilson, Reed, Fitzherbert, Porter (2), Randolph (2), Copeland, Montgomery, and Messrs Vaughan, Thompson, Spencer, Barnicoat, Burr, Smith, Milton, etc.

The different tournaments in progress

AT THE TENNIS COURTS

are being played off as quickly as possible now in case of the weather breaking. The men's handicap singles are finished. The final was between Messrs Wither and Newton, the former proving the winner. In the handicap doubles Messrs Spencer and Wylds beat Messrs Newton and Vaughan, after a long and keenly contested match, the games being 14-12. The combined handicap doubles have commenced this week, also the handicap croquet tournament. Mrs Innes and Miss Nannestad dispensed the afternoon tea at the lawns on Saturday last. Mrs Innes was wearing a bright blue voile costume, skirt tucked, deep pointed cape on shoulders, with cream lace medallions, blue chiffon hat; Miss Nannestad, black skirt, fawn muslin and insertion blouse, cream hat with green satin ribbon and wreath of pink roses; Mrs Gibbons, white linen coat and skirt, black velvet hat lined with white and trimmed with black tips; Miss Keling, tussore silk, navy French sailor with glaze bows and fawn quills; Mrs Fuller, white linen skirt, white spotted muslin and insertion blouse, pale green silk belt, cream hat with pink roses; Miss Thompson (Melbourne), red and white spotted muslin, red belt, Tuscan hat; Mrs Gregg, heliotrope muslin, with black insertion, black hat with tips; Mrs Gould, black silk grenadine, white yoke veiled in fine black lace, large black hat; Mrs Fitzherbert, black muslin over glaze, white silk vest, frills of chiffon on bodice, burnt straw hat, with black trimming; Miss Fitzherbert, cream serge skirt and coatee, white muslin and in-

sertion blouse, navy blue mushroom hat with ruching; Miss Copeland, holland Eton costume, with white linen cuffs and collar, black hat; Miss Waldegrave, cream flannel skirt and coatee, white muslin blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Barnicoat, black skirt, black spotted muslin blouse, white yoke veiled in black insertion, black hat; Mrs McKnight, black cloth Russian costume, with white facings, black lace hat with black tips; Miss Randolph, navy blue silk, much trimmed with ruffled ribbon, Paris lace yoke, blue hat; Miss F. Randolph, black skirt, fawn muslin blouse, with small black velvet bows, scarlet hat; Mrs Pickett, navy blue and white spotted muslin, scarlet belt and tie, black and white hat; Mrs Campbell, blue canvas voile, with cream lace medallions, eau de Nil hat.

Mrs. McKnight, Queen-street, had

A PLEASANT "AT HOME"

on Friday last. Mrs. McKnight received her guests in a dainty tucked white silk blouse, black skirt. Mrs. Fitzherbert wore a black voile, skirt made with tiny frills, black hat, with black and white wings; Mrs. Fuller, white linen coat and skirt, white muslin and insertion blouse, black hat with black feather; Miss Thompson, cream voile, with pale blue spot, blue silk folded belt, green hat with pale blue trimming; Mrs. Milton, fawn crash coat and skirt, with pale blue embroidery, white French sailor hat with white satin bows; Mrs. Ward, white tucked silk and insertion, white hat lined with white chiffon, and trimmed with black silk ruching; Mrs. Aikken, grey muslin, black chiffon hat with feathers and pink roses; Mrs. Waldegrave, black silk voile, yoke and frill of fine Paris lace, black sequin hat with wreath of green foliage; Mrs. Barnicoat, black mourning costume; Mrs. Gould, black voile, black insertion trimming spirt, white yoke, black hat; Mrs. Copeland, grey coat and skirt, black hat with wreath of pink roses; Miss Glendinning, black and white muslin, black hat with scarlet poppies; Miss—Glendinning, pale grey voile, embroidered with pale pink, black hat, with wreath of autumn tinted leaves; Miss Montgomery, black and white muslin dress, long grey coat, large black chiffon hat, with tips; Miss Copeland, fawn crash coat and skirt, pale blue blouse, white hat with pale blue trimming; Miss Randolph, navy blue frock, blue French sailor hat with wreath of forget-me-nots; Mrs. Campbell, navy blue voile, much trimmed with ruffled ribbon, green hat; Mrs. Bell, black voile, string coloured lace medallions, black hat with lace and tips.

VIOLET.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, March 25.

This has been a gay week. There have been a great many visitors in town for

THE POLO TOURNAMENT.

There have been large numbers of ladies every afternoon at Miramar, and naturally much excitement over the different events. Some very smart gowns have been worn. Among those I have noticed have been the Hon. Kathleen Plunket, pale grey tweed Eton costume, white feather stole, flat black hat; Mrs Turnbull, shot blue and lilac taffetas, Victorian bonnet; Mrs Watson (Hawke's Bay), cream voile with wide insertions of Paris lace, threaded with inch-wide black velvet ribbon, flat hat wreathed with green leaves; Mrs Strang, lovely cream cloth dress and long coat, tucked and finished off with silk embroideries, hat swathed with green and blue tulle; Miss Green, navy blue voile with touches of pale green velvet, green and blue hat; Mrs Dennisson, checked black and white taffetas,

long cream coat; Miss Burnett, soft cream silk patterned with heliotrope; Miss Abraham, smartly-made blue voile trimmed with tinted lace, handsome blue and white sash, blue chiffon hat; Miss Dalrymple, grey voile with narrow insertions of black lace, grey hat with pink roses; Mrs Wright, rough grey and white tweed with Russian coat, scarlet hat; Mrs Alister Clark (Christchurch), pale biscuit voile, white hat, with ruchings of pale green satin; Mrs H. D. Crawford, cream costume, emine stole, red hat; Mrs A. A. Crawford, blue and white muslin, prettily trimmed with narrow black velvet, heliotrope hat swathed with blue chiffon; Mrs Abraham (Palmerston North), grey voile trimmed with tinted lace, orange waist ribbon, grey felt net with ostrich plumes; Mrs L. Abraham, navy blue tailor-made, blue hat with large red rose; Miss Lewis (Auckland), cream serge Eton costume, scarlet hat; Miss E. Williams, pretty blue canvas, trimmed Paris lace, black hat; Mrs Biss, cream coat and skirt, blue hat swathed with green tulle; Mrs Levin, white cloth dress with black pipings and waist belt, lovely ostrich feather stole, flat black hat with ruche; Mrs W. Levin, smart cornflower blue costume, hat to match with mauve flowers; Miss Fraser, pale blue voile made with early Victorian yoke, black picture hat, with black and white ostrich feathers; Mrs Travers, black Eton costume, white felt hat with bunches of violets; Miss Coleridge, cream skirt, long cream coat, red hat with ruchings; Miss D. Johnston, cream cloth dress, brown hat with ruchings of shaded apricot satin; Mrs A. Duncan, pale grey tweed costume, hat of shaded mauve and blue; Miss Harcourt, navy blue linen with white spot, navy blue hat; Miss Stuart, navy blue canvas over glaze silk, much gauged and tucked white lace yoke, tan coloured hat with marguerites; Miss Simpson, pale mauve linen, fawn Inverness coat, hat with blue ruche; Miss Rawson, navy blue face cloth faced with white; Miss Fell, brown voile trimmed with tinted lace, hat to match; Miss Grace, white embroidered muslin, Inverness cape, flat hat trimmed with shaded heliotrope satin; Miss L. Brandon, white dress, red waist belt and hat.

Mrs T. C. Williams, Hobson-street, gave

A DELIGHTFUL LITTLE DANCE.

In honour of her guest, the Hon. Kathleen Plunket. The large hall was cleared for dancing, and looked very pretty and gay with quantities of flowers in every corner.

Mrs Stuart also gave

A VERY PLEASANT DANCE

at her residence, the Terrace. There were about 100 people present. The drawing and dining rooms were used for dancing, which was carried on with much spirit.

Mrs COLLINS WAS "AT HOME" to a large number of friends last week. Her house has been re-decorated since her return from England, and was very much admired. A putting competition took place on the lawn, and there were guessing competitions inside. Mrs Collins wore an artistic gown of cream silk with bands of shaded orange velvet, large black hat.

Mrs Sievwright gave a

KITCHEN TEA

at her residence, "Vallina," for Miss Lottie Orr, who is about to be married. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, and a tempting array of kitchen furniture decorated the tables, and even overflowered, as each guest came in and contributed her quota.

A ball given by the members of the Wellington Polo Club is taking place to-night at the Sydney-street school-room. OPHELIA.

A friend told me to use **SUNLIGHT SOAP** and I cannot thank that friend enough.



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