

white silk with effective touches of red; Miss Wilton, ivory crepe de chine; Miss Hayes, white lace and silk; Miss Kane, black satin; Miss Macdonald, ivory satin and lace; Miss Roskrugge, pale green crepe de chine.

Mrs. Babington, who is leaving New Zealand this week, gave a large farewell

AT HOME

at her residence, Hobson-street, on Tuesday. Tea was laid in the dining-room; the table was prettily decorated with many vases of white tree daisy, whilst handsome silver candelabra, with small rose coloured shades, shed a soft light. Mrs. Babington wore a graceful gown of cigar brown crepe de chine, with collar and ruffles of beautiful lace; Mrs. Rhodes wore handsome black brocade, coat of velvet and applique; Mrs. Fitchett, violet cloth with garniture of lace and embroidery, hat with ostrich tips and clusters of violets; Mrs. C. Johnston, black embroidered crepe de chine, with small lace motifs, smart toque; Mrs. Newman, tawny brown corduroy cloth with touches of black, hat en suite; Mrs. O'Connor, black taffetas, long sealskin coat, black toque with bows of pale blue velvet; Miss O'Connor, cream corduroy, long coat and pink hat; Mrs. J. Grace, putty coloured gown, with long Directoire coat to match, beaver hat with brown velvet loops; Mrs. Ian Duncan, pretty grey taffetas, much flounced, flat hat wreathed with green; Mrs. D. Nathan, grey corduroy velvet, ermine furs, and toque with loops and veil of silver tissue; Mrs. H. Crawford, navy blue cloth with touches of blue and white tartan, felt hat with blue bows; Mrs. Fell, handsome black, lace hat with violets; Mrs. Mentebach, cream corduroy velvet, black picture hat; Mrs. Findlay, brown cloth with touches of green velvet; Mrs. A. Pearce, navy blue tailor-made, red hat; Miss Lazard, smart grey gown, black hat; Miss Holmes, pale brown cloth with vest and ruffles of Paris lace, brown toque; Miss Coates, myrtle green cloth finished off with velvet and lace motifs, large black hat; Miss Fell, light brown voile with cream lace yoke and sleeves; Miss Morina Fell, navy blue coat and skirt; Miss Erica Fell, grey gown, pretty hat of folded moss-green tulle.

The Hon. Kathleen Plunket's many friends are glad to see her back again. She has enjoyed the trip immensely, but is delighted to be back in New Zealand, and is looking forward to the winter gaieties in Wellington. I notice that she has discarded her pine-nez for a single eyeglass.

The fact of two men-of-war being in port at the same time has been the excuse for some little diversions. H.M.S. Pioneer is to be in port for some weeks, and the wives of some of the officers have taken up their quarters here, and are being asked out a good deal.

Dr. and Mrs. Grace (Honolulu), who have been staying here for a few weeks, are returning to Hawaii. Next week I shall be able to tell you of some entertainments in their honour.

OPELHIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Doc, May 30, AN EVENING PARTY

was given by the Misses Burns on Friday last in honour of Miss Woodhouse of Dunedin, who is visiting her friends in Christchurch. The Misses Burns received their guests in the drawing-room. They were wearing charming frocks of pale blue crepe de chine with pink roses on the bodices. Mrs. Gower Burns was in a handsome Empire gown of black silk; Mrs. Le Cren (Auckland) looked well in black taffetas, a cluster of pink roses on the corsage; Miss Woodhouse, pale blue silk; Miss Stead, black taffeta with red roses; Miss Mendelsohn (Timaru), cream lace over satin, pearl ornaments; Miss Macdonald, pale pink chiffon and lace over silk; Miss Moore, heliotrope silk; Miss B. Moore wore white; Miss Neave, black lace over white; Miss Cicely Kettle, a pretty frock of heliotrope silk and chiffon; Miss Jessie Wilkin, grey satin; Dr. Alice Jepperson, handsome black gown; Miss Elmslie (Orari), a gown of pale cream

silk; Miss Wilson, white silk; Miss Anderson, coral taffetas; Miss Kitson, white satin with lace; Miss Denniston, blue delaine and lace; Miss G. Anderson, pale pink silk; Miss M. Fox, yellow silk; Miss Prins wore white; Miss G. Merton, pale blue silk; Miss K. Thornes wore black; Miss Cook, white satin. Others present were the Misses Boyle, Barker, Mollineaux, Blomfield, and Messrs. Denniston, Aiken, Neave, Merton, Moorhouse, Babington, Moore, Pollock, Wilding, Jameson, Cook, Kitson, Haseldean, Fox, Sharland, Nancarrow, and Dr. Lyon. A most amusing advertisement competition was part of the evening's entertainment. We were given numbered papers, and asked to guess what advertisements a quantity of numbered pictures represented. Of the ladies four were given equal—Misses Stead, C. Kettle, R. Wilson, and Kitson—and consequently had to decide by drawing lots. Miss Rita Wilson proved the lucky prize-winner. Mr. Neave won the gentlemen's prize. Mrs. Gower Burns sang some charming songs, and so did Mrs. Le Cren (Auckland). Afterwards the party wound up with dancing in the hall. Supper was served in the dining-room, the table being beautifully decorated with yellow and bronze chrysanthemums.

A PICNIC

was given on Saturday by Mrs. Wigley, who with her children are staying at Sumner. The day was an ideal one for the beach, and everyone, particularly the children, enjoyed themselves immensely. Mrs. Wigley thoughtfully had the route to her home facing the beach marked off by flags as a guide to her guests, most of whom arrived by tram. The children were delighted to find the donkeys ready and waiting for them to ride when they pleased, and also thoroughly appreciated the delicious luncheon which was served to them. Among the numerous guests were Mrs. Wilfred Hall and her children, Mrs. W. Cowlishaw and children, Mrs. Arnold Wall and children, Mrs. Stewart and children, Mrs. G. Ronalds and boy, Mrs. W. Fox and children, Mrs. W. Irving and son, Mrs. Leonard Harley and children, Mrs. C. Dalgety and children, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Heathcote Grey, Mrs. and Miss J. Wilkin, and Miss Harley.

A GIRL'S LUNCHEON

was given on Wednesday by Miss Todhunter. Her guests were Miss Anderson, Miss Denniston, Miss Kitson, Miss G. Merton, Miss Steele, Miss Poulton, and Miss Thomas.

BRIDGE PARTIES

were given during the week by Mrs. Wardrop, Mrs. Wigram, and Mrs. Payne.

A STREET COLLECTION

was taken up on "Sanatorium Saturday," as it was called. Ladies with collecting boxes were stationed at the most frequented street corners in the city, in aid of the Canterbury Consumptive Sanatorium Fund, and their efforts in this good cause were very successful, for with the Government subsidy a sum of over £500 will be added to the fund.

GOLE.

Mixed foursomes were played at the Shirley Links on Saturday, Mr. Northwick and Miss Anderson being the winners.

The Hagley Park Club held its first medal match of the season on Friday, when the first grade medal was won by Miss R. Wilson, and the second grade by Mrs. W. Wood.

AN AFTERNOON TEA

was given on Friday at "Broadways" to the Misses Searell, by their girl friends and the members of the Girls' Hockey Club, as a farewell prior to their departure for Invercargill. Much regret was expressed and a number of parting souvenirs were given to them by their hostesses. A presentation made to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Searell by their Christchurch friends, took the form of a handsome silver tea urn, accompanied by a letter expressing the regret felt by the donors at the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Searell and family.

COMING EVENTS.

A juvenile fancy dress ball to be given by Mrs. Duncan Cameron in the Art Gallery, is causing great excitement among the little people of Christchurch.

DOLLY VALE.

Stamp Collecting.

The Barbadoes "Advocate" states that it has been decided to issue a tercentenary stamp for that colony.

Since the commencement of this year the Borneo Company has ceased to sell Labuan stamps in London, or to have any interest in them.

There's too much talker talker Over "multiples" and "chukky" For different to a certainty they are, And though we'll surely kick Against their latest trick, I 'doubt' say that those who list 'em "go too far."

A variety of the Victoria Falls 1/ stamp of British South Africa is reported. Owing to one sheet having missed the horizontal perforation in one row six vertical pairs exist imperforate between.

A complete series of ordinary and postage due stamps of Montenegro, 1902, together with the returned acknowledgment label of the same date, have been overprinted in Russian at top and right, "Constitution" at left, and "1905" at foot, impressed in red or black. Probably cash is wanted by the Montenegroans, and collectors are expected to find it.

The issue of vulgar post-cards, and in some instances even a strong expression might be used to describe some foreign cards, is likely to have the effect of casting a slur upon the new craze for collecting pretty views. Fortunately postal authorities are taking steps to suppress the most objectionable cards, which have become somewhat too prominent latterly.

The "Globe" states: "The latest design for French stamps, 'a semense,' has grown familiar enough for many people to forget the little criticisms and controversies which the design provoked, such as that she (for the figure is that of a female) sowed against the wind, with the wrong foot advanced, etc. The sun is also placed in such a way as to throw the figure into shadow instead of into light. Some of these details are to be corrected, and the first stamp of the retouched design will be that for two sous, which is to be issued shortly."

After all it appears that some more dollar stamps are to be issued for use in the Philippines, as it is stated that the United States Post Office Department has just received an order for the following U.S. stamps surcharged "Philippines": 1c, 1,000,000; one dollar, 2000; two dollars, 2000; five dollars, 1000. This is important news, but only the bare facts as above stated can be given. "Meikle's Weekly" suggests that the wild scramble for the small lot recently sent to the Philippines is the cause of this new order.

An idea of the high values obtainable for stamps of Great Britain may be gathered from the following prices realised at a recent auction sale in London: 1854-7, wmk. Large Crown, perf. 16, 2d blue, plate 6, £8; 1858, wmk. Large Crown, perf. 16, rose on white, £3 15; 1855-57, 4d deep carmine, wmk. Small Garter, mint, £9 10; do. 4d. carmine, wmk. Medium Garter, mint, £18 1858-70, 1d rose-red, plate 225, mint, £1 10; 1862, 3d. carmine with white dots, imperf. mint, £3 do. 1/- green, with hair lines, imperf. mint, £4 5; do. 4d. vermilion, plate 12, an imperf. pair on blue safety paper, £2 14; do. 9d. straw, mint, £1 4; 1867-80, 2/ pale blue, mint, £2 2; do. 2/ red-brown, mint, £5; do. 5/ pale rose, plate 2, do., wmk. Cross, £2 12/6; 1873-80, 2 1/2 lilac-rose, plate 3, wmk. Orb, £1 14; do. 8d. brown, a pair, mint, £6 5; 1881, 1d. lilac, a pair from corner of sheet perforated at top and in margin only, mint, £3; Govt. Parcels, 1883 80, 1/ orange-brown, plate 14, mint, £3.

BRONCHIAL ASTHMA.

After Influenza My Harrison, Hawke's Bay Lungs Torn by Coughing Best Doctors Baffled No Sign of Weak Chest New Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved me from Consumption and the grave. There's nothing sorer than that," said Mr. Henry Harrison, Church-road, Taradale, Hawke's Bay. "I tried doctor after doctor—but they didn't do me the least lasting good. My case seemed hopeless when I started Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Yet to-day I couldn't wish for better health. I am able to look after my farm, and see to my contracts as well as any man in the district.

"Influenza was the start of my trouble," said Mr. Harrison. "It left me a wreck. For three years I never had a day's good health. Every cold settled on my chest, and gave me a cough that could be heard yards away. While my lungs were in this weak state, I was attacked with Bronchitis. That soon turned to Asthma. My breathing was short and gaspy, and there was a terrible tightness across my chest. A thick phlegm clogged my throat so that I could hardly breathe. The least exertion set me coughing for an hour. The cough racked me from head to foot. It seemed to tear my very lungs out. I was always afraid I would break a blood vessel. If I did, it would have been the end of me, my lungs were so weak. During these bad coughing spells, a clammy sweat broke out on my forehead, and my hands and feet got stone cold. They left me with a splitting headache, and took away every atom of strength I had. I was so weak that it would not have taken much to send me into Consumption.

"Many a night I lay awake coughing and struggling for breath," Mr. Harrison added. "I got so little sleep that my nerves soon broke down. Any sudden noise made my heart thump again. I got up in the morning too shaky to stand. I was so weak and wroth that I couldn't walk 20 yards without stopping to rest. I would have given anything to have done a few hours' work in the garden, but I was too weak to handle a spade. I was sick of moaning about day after day. Often I wished myself dead." "Of course, I had the best doctors," Mr. Harrison went on, "but they could do me no lasting good. As soon as I finished their medicines, I lapsed back into my old weak state. My cough got worse than ever, and my strength kept falling fast. At last I made up my mind to give a fair trial to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People—and they saved my life. From the start I began to pick up. They gave me a great appetite. Every day I felt myself growing stronger. My cough eased off, and the soreness on my chest went away. My breathing gave me no more trouble, and my heart got sound and strong. After taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for a few months, my friends could scarcely credit the change in my health. Now I tell everyone how eighteen boxes of these blood-building pills made a new man of me. It is over five years since Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured me, but my lungs have never given me the least trouble since. I am now hard at work on the farm—so I know that I have been cured for good."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured Henry Harrison's Bronchitis and Asthma because nothing can strengthen the lungs and nerves except good, rich, red blood—and nothing but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can actually make new blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do just that one thing, but they do it well. They don't act on the bowels. They don't bother with mere symptoms. They just root out from the blood the cause of anaemia, indigestion, headaches, backaches, kidney disease, liver complaint, skin diseases, general weakness, and the special secret troubles of growing girls and women. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all chemists and storekeepers, or may be ordered by mail from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Wellington, at 3/ a box, or six boxes 16/6, post free. Write for free medical advice.

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