

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

BRASNEY.—On February 24th, at her residence, Northcote, the wife of W. A. Brasney, a son; both well.

COLE.—On February 24th, at her grandmother's residence, Hobson-st., the wife of A. Cole, a daughter.

DALTON.—On 16th February, at her residence, Crummuir-rd., the wife of A. Dalton of a daughter.

ELLIOTT.—On February 10, 1907, at Nurse Mills' Home, Cross-st., the wife of Thomas Elliott, of a daughter, Napier and Wellington papers please copy.

HOLLIS.—On February 17th, at Edendale-rd., Mr. Roskill, the wife of Andrew Hollis, a daughter.

HYLAND.—On February 16th, at Lincoln-st., the wife of J. Hyland, a daughter.

KAYES.—On 9th February, at Nurse Gibby's, the wife of Horace L. Kayes of a daughter.

EAINSHERRY.—On February 25th, at her residence, Canuta-st., Mt. Eden, the wife of A. G. Eainsherry of a daughter.

SHAW.—On February 19th, 1907, to Mr and Mrs A. Shaw, New Lynn, a daughter; both well.

WARNER.—On February 12, 1907, at their residence, Alexandra-st., the wife of J. Warner, of a son; both doing well.

WILSON.—At 10man-st., Ponsonby, on February 19, to Mr and Mrs G. Wilson, a son.

WOODHEAD.—On February 25, at Valley-rd., Mr Edson, wife of C. H. Woodhead, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GREEN-GILES.—On October 17th, 1906, at St. John's Church, by the Rev. G. Bond, John, third son of the late Joseph Green, Esq., Dunedin, to Helen (Nellie), youngest daughter of Mr J. Giles, Auckland.

KENNEDY-ODWYER.—On January 1st, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, by the Rev. Father Holbrook, Edward Joseph, oldest son of the late John Kennedy, of Dublin, to Elizabeth Mary, eldest daughter of the late James Odwyer, of Co. Kerry, Ireland.

MAIER-DUNSTAN.—On January 2nd, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Father Broadie, John Maier, of Tammaru, to Avis Evelyn Dunstan, of Waihi.

FOYSTER-LANGLEY.—On February 6th at St. Peter's Church, Onehunga, by Canon Hissiden, Harry Upton, eldest son of H. W. Foyster, of Waipa, to Mary, second daughter of J. B. Langley, of One Tree Hill, Auckland.

ROBB-WEBLEY.—On February 5th, 1907, at the Baptist Tabernacle, Auckland, by the Rev. W. R. Woolley, James King Robb, fifth son of the late John Robb, Timber Merchant, Paeroia, Glasgow, Scotland, to Mary Elizabeth (Lily), fifth daughter of John Webley, of this city, late of Bristol, England.

SILVER WEDDING.

CHRISTOPHER-GORDON.—On February 10th, 1882, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, by the Rev. Father Walker (McDonnell), Henry, the second son of the late Hans Christopher, to Maria, second daughter of the late Dominica Gordon, of County Roscommon, Ireland.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

FOLLAS-SHINE.—On February 17th, 1857, at Otahuhu, by the Rev. Father Flacey, James Follas, youngest son of Mr James Follas, Otahuhu, to Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Mr F. Shine, of Otahuhu.

DEATHS.

BERGIN.—Accidentally shot at volunteer military camp on February 24th, 1907, John Bergin, of Stanbury-st., Arch Hill; aged 28 years.

BLENCOWE.—On January 23rd, 1907, suddenly, at Epsom, Elizabeth, relict of the late William Blencowe, in her 82nd year.

HOOTH.—On February 18th, at Richmond-st., Haysfield, John, the dearly beloved husband of Henrietta Booth, late of Oldham, Lancashire, England; aged 35 years.

CRUICK.—On February 19th, at Pongauy-rd., Wilfred Archibald Cruick, beloved son of John and Annie Cruick; aged 25 years. Private interment.

JOHNSTON.—On February 20th, at Tuckau, after a painful illness, Abraham, the dearly beloved husband of Ruth Dorritt; aged 58 years.

GARRICK.—On February 23rd, 1907, at the Royal Hotel, Victoria-street (suddenly), Joseph Hector Garrick, Barrister-at-Law, F.H.J.; aged 69 years.

HARE.—Entered into rest, Sunday, February 24, 1907, Harriet Rowright, relict of the late Walter Maldon Hare, in her 75th year.

LEVY.—On February 19, 1907, at Otahuhu, Anne Mary, dearly beloved wife of Ralph Levy, aged 36 years.

ROBERTSON.—On February 10th, at the residence of her nephew, Thos. Fordyce, Epsom-rd., Johanna Catherine Robertson, daughter of the late R. and W. Robertson, Old Hill, Epsom, in her 63rd year.

ROWE.—On February 24th, 1907, at his parents' residence, 25, Napier-st., Cyril Kebley, the dearly beloved and only child of William and Isabel Rowe, and grandson of Richard and Esther Poulgrain, Pratt-st.; aged 34 months.

SMITH.—On February 20th, 1907, at her sister's residence (Mrs C. Lewis), Matangi, Waikato, Margaret, the dearly beloved wife of Robert Arthur Smith, "The Drive," Epsom, aged 29 years.

SMITH.—At her sister's residence, Matangi, February 20, the beloved wife of R. A. Smith, "The Drive," Epsom.

TREVITHICK.—On February 10, at Hawera, Richard Garland, infant son of Geoffrey and Winifred Trevithick.

WOODS.—On February 16th, Alfred John Samuel, beloved eldest son of Marjory M. and the late John Woods, surgeon, late of E. I. C. Service. Requiescat in pace.

Mr. Jerome K. Jerome.

Mr. Jerome Klapka Jerome, whose new play, "Tommy," was successfully produced recently, is a humorist with a serious side to his character. It is probable that had he not been forced to continue a mirth-maker by the public and the critics, he would have developed into a philosophical writer, or perhaps even into a sober-minded statesman. For Mr. Jerome has more than a passing fancy for politics, and has addressed various meetings in the Radical cause. The son of a clergyman, Mr. Jerome was born in the coal district of Walsall, and at an early age was consumed with a burning desire to go upon the stage. Some of his juvenile experiences are imitatively told in his first book, "On the Stage, and Off." From the theatre Mr. Jerome drifted into journalism, and from time to time he has filled the various roles of clerk, shorthand writer, schoolmaster, and law student. In appearance Mr. Jerome is somewhat slim, and suggests the actor or the horsey man. He is fair-haired and clean shaven, and the only things about him which suggest the humorist are his kindly eyes—that is to say, until he opens his mouth to speak.

The author of "Three Men in a Boat" has an ideal home at Wallingford, where he is often visited by the leading literary lights of the day. Mrs. Jerome was a daughter of Lieutenant Nesza, of the Spanish army, and it is significant that her husband's real success dates from the time of their marriage. Gould's Grove, Mr. Jerome's house, is situated on a hill from which a fine view of the surrounding country can be obtained. It is in this quiet spot that most of "J. K. J.'s" inspirations are born, and it is a curious fact that, although he has written so much, his daily output is by no means large. Mr. Jerome is a man of moods, and only works when the fancy takes him. It is said that he has a strange habit of standing in front of a clock when seeking a new idea, as though the rhythmic ticking were a source of inspiration.

Mr. Jerome tells a story of a young dramatist friend of his who wrote a play under a non de theatre and then went with two men acquaintances to see it without telling them he was the author. After the first act one of the playwright's companions suggested that they should "chuck this rot," while the other yawned wearily and voted for an adjournment to the nearest music hall. Mr. Jerome, indeed, has many good stories about his friends, but when you endeavour to draw him out about himself, he

at once assumes an air of reticence which augurs ill for the interviewer.

A now well-known writer once told Mr. Jerome that on one occasion he had returned to him in his own envelope a story which was not his own, but which had been written by a man who was doing well in the literary arena, and with it was the usual slip with the "editor's regrets," etc. Evidently some error had been made, for Mr. Jerome's friend's story was published by mistake, and attracted so much notice that it was the thin end of the wedge to an exceedingly successful career.

CHRONIC INDIGESTION.

A Busy Housewife's Suffering Ended by Bile Beans.

Indigestion is one of the most frequent as well as one of the most painful and disease-producing complaints which afflict mankind to-day. It consists of an inability of the stomach to digest the food given to it. The symptoms are very numerous, the most noticeable being a feeling of heaviness in the chest, a disagreeable taste in the mouth, a dull pain in the head, loss of appetite, and a pale and sallow complexion. Bile Beans cure all forms of Indigestion. They aid the stomach to properly digest the food which has been taken, and expel all waste matter from the system.

Mrs. F. Gough, of 23 Argyle-street, Mornington, Dunedin, says:—"For a number of years I have suffered from Indigestion and Heartburn. I am afraid I have become a chronic subject. I tried numerous so-called remedies, and consulted medical men, but I remained uncured. A little while ago a neighbour strongly recommended me to try Bile Beans, as she had derived benefit from them. I acted on her advice, and purchased a box of the Beans, and I have and still am obtaining great relief from their use. My case being of so long duration, it has become chronic, and I cannot expect Bile Beans to remedy the mischief in a day, but they are giving me more relief than anything I have tried. I intend to undergo a course in the hope of a thorough cure. It is very satisfactory to me to know that my sufferings can be relieved by Bile Beans, which are easy and pleasant to take, and of which I always keep a supply in the house." Bile Beans will regulate your stomach and liver in a purely natural manner and ensure good sound health. As a Summer medicine Bile Beans are unequalled. They promptly dispel Summer Lag, Fatigue, Loss of Appetite, Debility, and that lazy "out-of-sorts" feeling so prevalent during Summer. Of all Stores and Medicine Vendors at 1/1½ or 2/9 large box (containing three times 1/1½).

The very latest bridge story is of a certain young gentleman who parts both his hair and his surname in the middle, and who was pressed into making up a table, despite his protests that he played but a ducedly indifferent game. Hearts were made trumps, and the king was led. With a bright gleam of intelligence—like Truth re-entering a dark world—he banged down the king of clubs and cried: "Er—snop!"

Then, indeed they mopped the floor with him.

Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee,

February 25.

In a quiet way we have been quite gay, and festive this week, for nearly every day there has been something going on, and that is rather unusual for Auckland, especially during the hot weather. Last Monday night Williamson's Dramatic Company opened here in

"THE SQUAW MAN."

and has been greeted here with bumper houses each night. The dress worn by Miss Ola Humphries in the first act was really a triumph of the dressmaking art, but it needs to be seen to be appreciated. Amongst the audience I noticed: Mrs. Seymour Thorne George, who was wearing a becoming black silk toilette, with Irish lace yoke; Miss Zoe George looked charming in a blue frilled silk, softened with lace; Mrs. G. Thorne George, dainty cream crepe de chine, and lace toilette; Mrs. F. Ballin, pretty blue and pink floral chiffon; Mrs. J. E. Bloomfield, black jettied net robe over glace; Miss Georgie Denniston, black silk, with cream lace tucker, threaded with black; Miss Marion Frater was daintily gowned in white and pink; Miss Winnie Lewis, becoming black gown; Mrs. Fraser, black toilette; Miss Ireland, pretty pale blue mouseline de soie, with cream lace transparent yoke; Miss Jennie Ireland wore a dainty cream muslin, trimmed with lace; Miss Minnie Frater looked pretty in pale blue silk, with lace berthe; Mrs. Savage was effectively gowned in black.

On Wednesday night, at the Choral Hall,

MADAME ARRAL

gave her fourth concert in Auckland, and was accorded an even more enthusiastic reception, if possible, than she had at her former appearances. The hall was packed, so that I cannot attempt to describe any of the gowns worn, but before telling you who was there, I must just "state my complaint," as they say at Christie Minstrel entertainments. Of course, it is dreadfully hot anywhere just now, but on Wednesday I failed to see why we should have been made to suffer the additional heat of the innumerable gaslights and the glare as well. I am quite sure we should all have preferred the dim religious light for every reason.

Amongst the audience I noticed: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, Miss Ruby Coleman, Mrs. Louis Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Myers, Mrs.

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