

Colonel F. Stevenson, C.B., who has been paying a visit to the colony, returned to the Old Country by the direct route a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Levin (Wellington) have gone to Palmerston North, where they will occupy Mr. Allan Strange's residence for some months.

My and Mrs. John Duncan (Wellington), and Miss Duncan, are going to England early in April. They will probably return at the end of the year.

Colonel and Mrs. Wood, who have been spending a month or so at Bellevue Gardens (Lower Hutt), have gone to Nelson for a long visit. They are most likely going to England next year.

The Rt. Rev. C. Wilson, Bishop of Melanesia, and Mrs. Wilson, have been staying in Wellington—first with the Rev. A. Hansell and Mrs. Hansell (Karori) and afterwards at Bishopscourt.

The "Post" says it is understood that Mr. Harold Beauchamp, head of the firm of Bannatyne and Co., Wellington, is likely to succeed Mr. Malet as chairman of the Bank of New Zealand.

Miss Nellie Skerrett is leaving Wellington in a few days' time for South America, where she means to spend a year or so with her brother, who is living near Buenos Ayres. From there she will go on to England in order to pay a lengthy visit to her married sister.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin are off to England by the Tonic for a couple of years. They are taking their children with them and will establish them in comfortable quarters before they undertake the business of sight-seeing. A motor-car specially fitted for touring is to meet Dr. Martin on his arrival in the Old Country. He and Mrs. Martin intend to travel about a good deal in that manner.

Major and Mrs. Johnston, who have been in New Zealand for the last three years, are returning to the Old Country as Major Johnston's term of service with the New Zealand Government is now up. Both he and Mrs. Johnston have made many warm friends in Wellington and at the Hutt, where they have been living for two years or so. Major Johnston was entertained at a complimentary dinner before leaving.

#### HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

Miss Hobbs is in Rotorna for a week.

Mrs. Pierce, of Wellington, is on a visit to Napier.

Mrs. L. McHardy, of Blackhead, is on a visit to Taupo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Russell, of Hastings, are on a visit to the Old Country.

Mrs. F. Davies (Gisborne) is visiting her friends in Hawke's Bay.

Miss Godfrey, of Waipukurau, is spending some days in Taupo.

Dr. Toswell, who has been on a holiday trip, returned to Hastings last week.

Miss Carston, of Waipukurau, is on a visit to Taupo.

Miss Stuart, of Timaru, is on a visit to Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Blythe, of Auckland, are at present in Napier.

Mrs. Logan has gone to Taupo for the Easter holidays.

Miss Irene Simeox, of Porongahau, is staying with Mrs. Kettle, Bluff Hill.

Mrs. W. Stead, of Kumerua, is in Napier for a few days.

Miss Johnson, of Gisborne, is the guest of Mrs. Logan.

Mrs. Cutfield, of Wangarua, is in Napier, and is the guest of Mrs. Todd.

Mr. L. W. Raymond, who has been in Napier for some years, left for Invercargill last week.

Mrs. W. Jarvis and her daughter, of Greenmeadows, left last week en route for a trip to the Old Country.

#### TARANAKI PROVINCE.

Mr. Macklow, of Auckland, is at present in New Plymouth.

Mr. L. Horrocks, Feilding, is spending his Easter holidays in New Plymouth.

Mr. Len. Williams, Wangarua, is on a visit to New Plymouth.

Mr. W. Leatham, Auckland, is on a short visit to New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Davy, New Plymouth, are on a short visit to Auckland.

Mr. D. Day, of Okaiawa, spent his holidays in New Plymouth.

Mr. S. Weston, of Wellington, is on a visit to his home in New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Baker (Gabb), of Masterton, are on a visit to New Plymouth.

Dr. and Mrs. Walker, New Plymouth, are on a visit to Christchurch.

Mrs. W. D. Webster, New Plymouth, is the guest of Mrs. Tansley, of Mangawheka.

Misses B. and L. Webster, New Plymouth, are on a visit to Wellington.

Miss Govett, who has been on a visit to Wellington, has returned to her home in New Plymouth.

Miss E. Bayley and Miss Brewster, New Plymouth, have been on a short visit to Wangarua, but have now returned.

Mr. R. Woodhouse, formerly of New Plymouth, and for some time Town Clerk at Marton, passed through New Plymouth last week on his way home to Auckland.

Miss Lynch, M.A., of Palmerston North High Schools, has been appointed first secondary assistant at the Eltham District High School.

Mr. J. C. Malfroy, who for some years was a member of the New Plymouth Magistrate's Court staff, and who has been clerk to the Magistrate's and Warden's Courts at Hokitika, has been promoted to Dunedin.

#### SOUTH ISLAND.

Mr. and Miss Murray-Aynsley (Christchurch) have left for the Southern Lakes.

Miss Medley (Wellington) is staying with Mrs. C. C. Bowen in Christchurch.

Mrs. W. Bond (Timaru) is also staying with Mrs. Elworthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson (England) are staying with Mrs. Pitman (Christchurch).

Mrs. George Gould (Christchurch) is staying in Dunedin. She is the guest of Mrs. Sinclair-Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Williamson (Gisborne) are staying with Mrs. Elworthy at Merivale, Christchurch.

Miss Kater (Sydney), who is in Christchurch, is the guest of Mrs. Henry Auckland.

Mrs. Henry Brett, who has for some time been staying with her daughters in Christchurch, has returned to Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Wilder (England) are visiting Christchurch. They intend to spend some months touring New Zealand in their motor car.

When coughs and colds disturb the house. When sick kids worry mother. And sneezing through the night annoys The tired and weary father. You'll hear him toss and say to me, "To-morrow you procure The stuff to cure those sneezing kids. That's Woods' Great Peppermint Cure."

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#### A MEAN THING.

"Now I am ready, how do I look, dear?"

"You remind me of a Sioux in his war paint."

"Oh, you nasty thing, you —"

"Don't cry, darling; I only meant you were dressed to kill."

#### Pretty Finger Nails.

#### DIRECTIONS FOR THE AMATEUR MANICURIST.

If a woman's hair is "her crown of glory," then, assuredly, says a lady manicurist, her hands are her sceptres of power, for the expression of a hand is as individual, as powerful to charm or to displease as is the face of its owner. There is a wonderful personality about hands, and the manner in which a hand is kept adds to or detracts from its personality.

No matter whether a hand be attractive or repulsive in itself, the proper tapering of the nails and their careful trimming and polishing gives to every hand—good or bad—an air of good breeding—a symmetry is acquired merely by the use of a few implements of manicuring and habits of cleanliness.

A woman can, if she chooses to give the time to it, manicure her own finger nails as well as this can be done for her by a professional manicure. That is, if her nails are simply normal, healthy nails.

#### FILING THE NAILS.

The amateur will find it easiest to file her nails when they are dry and hard, after which they must be soaked.

There is a lot to be considered in filing the nails. In the first place, most of us have stiff files with elaborate silver handles, which are now relegated to other practically useless articles of the dressing table. The best manicure file is a pliable, springy, thin file, without any handle. This sort of file gives with the nail and manages to work around the edges neatly right into the corners. The nail must be filed evenly and in a rounded shape. The pronounced almond shaped nail is not in vogue just at present. It is a nuisance to piano players—as well as to players upon stringed instruments—and it seemed made to be broken and to wear out the fingers of gloves in a single wearing.

After the nails are filed it will be found that some of them will have a little raggedness of edge. This is rubbed off upon a little strip of emery or sand paper provided for the purpose. Sometimes a sharp rubbing around the edge of the nail with a bit of chamois leather will rub off the raggedness left by the file, and which seems caused by the separation of an inner and outer shell of the nail, as though it grew in layers.

This part of the work finished, the professional manicurist plunges the hands which she is treating into warm or tepid water in which is well-mixed glycerine, rose water, and some of her own secret preparations for improving the texture of the ends of the fingers and softening the nails. The fingers rest in the water during most of the work. An ordinary finger bowl generally serves for this purpose.

#### TRIMMING THE CUTICLE.

When a woman manicures her own hands it is obvious that she cannot hold one hand in water while she works upon the other. She may let them rest for half an hour or more in the water, or she may try a plan which amateur manicurists, whose time is limited to not more than an hour for purposes of manicuring, find eminently successful. The other plan is to rub well around the nails and under the cuticle, as far as one's fingers may do this, some simple ointment or merely vaseline. Rub this in thoroughly and smear it over the nails. Try to keep the ointment on the nails until each one has been treated.

The grease quickly softens the nail and its cuticle, and makes it ready for the easy insertion of an instrument for pushing up the cuticle. If your nails are well kept this instrument will not need to be used often, for the more the cuticle is broken around the nail and the more its edges require to be clipped the worse for the delicate appearance of the nail.

A little metal cuticle knife is gently inserted under the cuticle and moved round so as not to scratch the nail nor cut the flesh, but merely to loosen the cuticle. This is a work of delicacy and care. After the cuticle has been loosened

it is clipped. Nails should never be trimmed until after they have been softened by water or ointment.

After the trimming and loosening of the cuticle it is often pushed back gently and firmly with an orange stick. Amateurs will find the orange stick all that is necessary for the average well-kept nail, and its constant use will prevent the necessity of the cuticle knife, a risky instrument in unskilled hands, and sure to be detrimental in the end to the fingers. Everyone knows that constant trimming of the cuticle makes it thick and tough and far from as dainty as that cuticle which is merely pushed back every morning with an orange stick.

But there are different hands, just as there are different dispositions in women, and the hands of some require severe treatment in order to keep them decent.

After the loosening, pushing, and trimming of the softened cuticle, the nail is ready to be cleaned if such a thing is required. The manicure inserts the point of an orange stick under the nail to clean it. White powder, too, is inserted in this manner to give a white finish under the nail—the powder being brushed away afterwards—and rose tipped finger ends are achieved in the same manner, rather than by any process of nature.

But who would disclose the secret of her rosy finger tips? And who will deny their beauty when seen to blush through translucent, pearly-tinted nails?

#### THE FINAL POLISH.

So much being done—and these little things occupy at least three-quarters of an hour—the nails are now ready to be burnished and polished.

The woman who manicures her own nails will spread them out upon a towel and gently dab upon each one a bit of pink ointment. This she will rub well over the nail until it is a muddy red colour.

With a buffer she will rub and rub until she is tired and her nails take on a glossy pink, which is a forecast of what they will look like when she has finished.

With a bit of old linen she will wipe off as much as she can of the pink paste. Usually it all comes off. Then, with another and perfectly clean buffer she will polish her nails until they glimmer like the inner side of a tinted sea shell.

Last of all the manicure gently rubs the orange stick around under the cuticle to remove any trace of paste or powder which may remain. The amateur usually washes her hands, which, if her nails are well polished, does not affect them.

At this season of the year fingers require to be more frequently manicured than in warm weather. The nails become hard and the cuticle less soft and pliable. A few touches every morning with the orange stick and a few rubs with the buffer every two days, with the use of the file every other day, will keep one's nails so firm and pretty that a real prolonged process of manicuring need not be gone through more than once a week. This occupies an hour when ointment is used on the nails by the amateur, and more than that time if they are soaked in water.

Never cut the nails with scissors, if it is possible, to avoid it. Cutting the nails makes them blunt and unlovely upon the edges. But, just the reverse should be the case with a young child's nails. Trim them with the scissors. They are much too soft to be helped by filing, and the little tender fingers are frequently bruised and injured by the file.

Mr. Samson Biggs is a schoolmaster, whose precept and practice of the blessings of punctuality are, as a rule, faultless. Should a lad be five minutes late in the morning, he is "kept in" ten minutes after school; if ten minutes, a penalty of twenty minutes is imposed, and so on. But even Homer nods, and lo! Mr. Samson Biggs was a whole half-hour late himself one morning. Among the pupils there was the usual smart boy, who was not slow to remind him of his offence, nor to quote from some of his own lectures on the subject.

"Yes, boys," said Samson, when he had listened to the smart boy. "Nicholson is quite right, and, as I punish you, it is only fair that you should punish me. So you shall all stay and keep me in for an hour after school this afternoon!"

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