



Orange Blossoms.

RAE—RALPH.

The marriage took place at "Kimiha," Huntly, on September 12th, of Miss E. Ralph and Mr W. G. Rae, of Ponsonby. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. Cahill. The bride was attired in white silk trimmed with Honiton lace, with the usual veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss S. Ralph and Miss E. Rae, who wore pretty white dresses and carried shower bouquets. After the ceremony, the happy couple left for Rotorua. The bride's travelling dress was a blue cloth, Eton style. The presents were numerous and useful, and in the evening Mrs Ralph entertained a large number of friends at a very enjoyable musical evening.

DESBOROUGH—OSWALD.

All Saints' Church, Ponsonby, Auckland, was a centre of interest and attraction on Wednesday morning, the 18th September, the occasion being the marriage of Miss May Oswald, daughter of Mr H. G. Oswald, Ponsonby, to Mr Henry Desborough, of the staff of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Sons. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Calder. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very pretty in an ivory chiffon taffeta over lace, the skirt having tucks and rows of French knots, and the bodice had a transparent silk lace yoke, and flared late kimono sleeves and braces. Instead of the orthodox veil she wore a white crinoline hat, with full crown of point d'esprit tulle, with plumes and streamers. Her lovely shower bouquet was composed of white hyacinths and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids presented the bride with a beautiful diamond ring, and the bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold watch. The bridesmaids were the Misses Eva and Mini Oswald and Jessie Desborough. The two former wore lovely pale lavender chiffon taffeta frocks over lace, with French knots, the bodices being adorned with white lace and floral sashes. Miss Desborough was attired in a dainty cream silk collynie, with cream satin braces. Their Dolly Varden hats were of white chiffon, finely gathered with full rosettes and soft strings. They carried silver-mounted prayer books. The bridegroom's gifts to the bridesmaids were gold and pearl pendants, and the brides' presents to the maid were gold cable bangles. Mr. James Campbell officiated as best man, and Messrs. G. S. Oswald and J. T. Caldwell as groomsmen. After the ceremony the guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Oswald at a recherche wedding breakfast, at which the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Later Mr. and Mrs. Desborough left on their honeymoon tour, the bride wearing a sage green check costume, with dark green silk strappings, and short "Carlton" jacket, with Oriental lace vest and sleeves. A pale blue folded chiffon hat, with green foliage, completed a becoming travelling costume. Mrs. Oswald (mother of the bride) was attired in a handsome black mervelloux, the bodice being trimmed with black lace capes, and strapped with silk, white lace vest, black bonnet with touches of white; Mrs. Desborough, black gown, relieved with cream lace, black plumed hat; Mrs. C. M. Calder (sister of the bride), cream cloth costume, lace front and sleeves, Wedgwood blue chiffon hat; Mrs. T. C. Gilbert (bride's sister), pale blue striped gilet, trimmed with Paris insertion, white hat, blue tulle and roses; Miss Annie Oswald, cream crepe de chine, trimmed with satin bands, lace and braid, hat of elephant's

breath tulle and plumes; Mrs. A. E. Oswald, white Swiss muslin over lace, trimmed with lace, pink hat; Mrs. Martin, grey chiffon taffeta, with pale blue velvet introduced in vest, white chenille hat with rosettes and plumes; Mrs. C. S. H. McKinney, cream collynie costume, trimmed with lace and lace, and braced with black, black plumed hat; Mrs. Will. Brown (Wellington), light grey tailor-made costume, with blue cloth facings, blue hat; Mrs. J. Palairat, check costume, and green hat; Mrs. A. Palairat, cream, and champagne hat with heliotrope grapes; Mrs. Lightband, navy costume; Miss A. Caldwell, white corded velvet, white lace blouse, with kimono sleeves of velvet and lace inserted, pale pink hat with pink plume; Miss O. Odum, champagne lace dress over lace, pink hat with pink shaded feather; Miss A. Gillett, pale blue mousseline over lace, trimmed with white net lace, and Maltese lace scarf. Leghorn hat with roses; Miss A. Brown, light grey collynie, pale blue on bodice, white hat with pink roses; Miss Worrall (Melbourne), eau de nil gace, trimmed with lace, black hat and green foliage, with streamers; Miss A. Gregory, light green costume, kimono sleeves of Paris lace, hat en suite.

KNIGHT—MALING.

On Thursday morning, September 12, a very quiet wedding took place at St. Mary's, Merivale, when Mr Lionel Knight was married to Miss G. Maling, both of Christchurch. The two bridesmaids (sisters of the bride and bridegroom) wore pretty frocks of pale green muslin, with white hats and pink roses. The flower girl and page were Miss E. Reeves and Master Reeves (cousins of the bride). The only guests were Mrs P. Cox, Mrs G. Harper, Mrs G. Hammer, and Mrs Thompson. Mrs Maling gave a small tea in the afternoon at her residence, Armagh-street, some of the guests being Mrs and Miss Elworthy, Mrs and Miss Reeves, Mrs Blunt, Mrs Arthur Elworthy (Timaru), Mrs Jamieson (Timaru), Mrs Kirkpatrick, Mrs Hugh Reeves, and Mrs and Miss Todhunter.

HUDSON—RUSSELL.

A marriage of much interest to the many Auckland friends of the bride, took place at St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, London, W., on June 27th, the bridegroom being Major T. R. C. Hudson, Royal Artillery, and the bride Miss Gertrude Mary Russell, second daughter of the late Mr. James Russell, of Auckland, and Mrs. Russell, of 7, Cornwall Mansions, South Kensington. The officiating minister was the Rev. Canon Pennefather, vicar of Kensington. The bride was given away by her mother, and Captain G. Marris, D.S.O., performed the duties of best man. The bridesmaids were Misses Russell, S. Russell, S. Morris, E. Bulkeley and Mackenzie. A reception was afterwards given at the residence of the bride's mother, and was largely attended. Major and Mrs. Hudson afterwards left for their honeymoon on the Continent. The presents were both numerous and valuable, many being received from friends and relatives in New Zealand.

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A passing stranger was attracted by frightful screams coming from a little house not far from the road. Hurriedly tying his horse, he ran to the house and found out that a little boy had swallowed a shilling, and his mother, not knowing what to do, had become frantic. The stranger caught the little fellow by his heels, and, holding him up, gave him a few shakes, whereupon the shilling soon dropped to the floor. "Well, mister," said the grateful mother, "you certainly know how to get it out. Air you a doctor?" "No, madam," replied the stranger, "I'm a collector of internal revenue."

Passing It On.

Shortly after two o'clock one bitter winter morning, a physician drove four miles in answer to a telephone call. On his arrival, the man who had summoned him said:

"Doctor, I ain't in any particular pain, but somehow or other I've got a feeling that death is nigh."

The doctor felt the man's pulse and listened to his heart.

"Have you made your will?" he asked, finally.

The man turned pale.

"Why, no, doctor. At my age—oh, doc, it ain't true, is it? It can't be true—"

"Who's your lawyer?"

"Higginbotham; but—"

"Then you'd better send for him at once."

The patient, white and trembling, went to the phone.

"Who's your pastor?" continued the doctor.

"The Rev. Kellogg M. Brown," mumbled the patient. "But, doctor, do you think—"

"Send for him immediately. Your father, too, should be summoned; also your—"

"Sav, doctor, do you really think I'm going to die?" The man began to blubber softly.

The doctor looked at him hard.

"No, I don't," he replied, grimly. "There's nothing at all the matter with you. But I'd hate to be the only man made a fool of on a night like this."

At a recent sale of old books and curios the auctioneer said, "This book, gentlemen, is especially valuable, as it contains a marginal note in the handwriting of John Dryden. Five pounds offered. Going—going—gone. It is yours, sir." The autograph marginal note by the renowned scholar was as follows:—"This book is not worth the paper it is printed on."

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