

white check silk; Miss Katie Devore was becomingly frocked in a pink and grey striped silk with tucker of lace; Miss Douglas, in a dainty pale blue silk softened with chiffon; Mrs. Greig, black chiffon taffeta with vest and sleeves of white embroidered net; Miss Greig, pretty white crepe de chine, with white lace and pale blue; Mrs. Gore Gillan, electric blue silk veiled in black sequined net; Mrs. Hodgson, Empire gown of white corded silk; Mrs. St. Clair was gowned in black and silver embroidered net over white; Miss St. Clair, pretty pink Oriental satin, with vest of white Valenciennes lace; Miss — St. Clair (debutante) wore a charming gown of white chiffon taffeta, softened with lace and a corsage bow, bouquet of white flowers; Mrs. C. Owen, pretty black and white toilette; Mrs. H. C. Fenton, dainty white mouseline de soie with silver embroidery; Mrs. Mahoney, black and white embroidered net over white lace; Mrs. Prickett, handsome black brocade with white lace scarf; Miss Prickett, pretty primrose silk softened with chiffon of same shade; Miss Dunnet was wearing black lace over white taffeta; Mrs. Price was gowned in white brocade with touches of silver; Miss Price, dainty white silk; Mrs. W. Lloyde, pretty white silk gown with white and silver embroidery; Miss Smith, white satin Romney frock, with cluster of roses on corsage; Miss Eva Smith, picture frock in pink Oriental satin; Mrs. C. McCormick, white taffeta softened with chiffon and lace; Miss McCormick was prettily frocked in pale blue mouseline de soie; Mrs. Raynor wore a striking gown of cream crepe de chine, embroidered in different shades of bronze blue; Mrs. Munroe Clarke, in a tasteful pink and black toilette; Mrs. J. Spicer was gracefully gowned in a pale grey taffeta with tucker of real lace; Miss Spicer, pretty pale pink silk, with bodice outlined with chiffon; Miss M. Spicer was daintily frocked in white; Mrs. Bourne, handsome black silk with silver and black butterflies on corsage; Miss Bourne was charmingly gowned in white crepe de chine with cream lace; Mrs. Bush, shrimpt pink Oriental satin with white Valenciennes; Miss G. Denniston was gowned in a pretty primrose silk with black velvet ribbon; Miss Keep, lovely white Oriental satin Empire frock with gold tissue; Miss Lusk, white chiffon taffeta, with cluster of red roses on corsage; Miss Clarke was wearing white poked dotted chiffon over lace; Miss Paton looked charming in white mouseline de soie, with touches of pale blue; Miss Towie, white chiffon taffeta, with wreath of white flowers; Miss N. Thompson was daintily frocked in white mouseline de soie; Miss Reid, black chiffon taffeta, with tucker of real lace; Miss Mills looked graceful in a blue shirred silk; Miss Dargaville wore a lovely pink and white pompadour silk with lace bretelles, edged with pink velvet; Miss Nathan, pretty pale blue gown of tucked chiffon over lace; Miss Isaac was wearing a becoming blue silk frock with white lace berthe.

#### DRESSES AT THE RACES.

What Ascot is in England, and the Grand Prix in Paris, such in the Auckland province is "Cup Day" to the devotees of fashion. This year the display, though not by any means equaling those we have seen at the height of the "boom," was exceedingly handsome and attractive; but there can be but little doubt that it will be excelled on New Year's Day if the weather is fine, for the lowering view of the early morning sky yesterday no doubt preached caution to many, and some very smart toilettes are being held over for less dubious weather.

Her Excellency Lady Plunket was simply but charmingly gowned in a white and pink floral muslin, elaborately trimmed with Valenciennes lace, and finished with a dainty reseda green ceinture; with this was worn a white chip straw hat, garlanded with shaded roses and bows of mauve ribbon.

Lady Fawkes was gowned in a striking toilette of violet crepe de chine, daintily finished with a cream silk appliqued vest; her toque was composed of green leaves, with a cluster of roses at one side.

Lady Ward wore a smart tailor-made gown of Nattier blue striped flannel, and wore with it a becoming black hat, ornamented with black ostrich feathers.

The Hon. Kathleen Plunket was strikingly gowned in a white and grey striped Ninon de soie, with guimpe and bretelles of exquisite white Irish lace, black cein-

ture, and dainty black hat, garlanded with roses.

Miss Eileen Ward looked charming in grey and black striped summer tweed tailor-made costume, worn with a becoming black crinoline straw hat, with crown of shaded roses.

Mrs. Arthur Myers was gowned in a beautifully fitting tailor-made costume of dark cornflower blue cloth, with a plumed picture hat of same shade.

Miss Gorrie was wearing a grey tailor-made gown, with revers of Burgundy velvet, and dainty toque of same shade.

Miss Gwen Gorrie, white and black striped flannel coat and skirt, with very pretty black Gainsborough hat.

Lady Clifford was gowned in a grey tailor-made gown, worn with a small black plumed hat; her daughters were in white and black striped flannel costumes, with white gem hats.

Mrs. Lowrie (Hawke's Bay) wore a graceful gown of dove grey embroidered chiffon over grey lace, very pretty grey picture hat, with long grey ostrich plumes.

Lady Lockhart was gowned in a pretty white and black striped marquisette, with a pretty pink floral design, finished with bands of black satin and touches of pale pink, dainty net guimpe and sleeves; the costume was completed by a white crinoline straw hat, trimmed with foliage; Mrs. Thorne George, effective gown of black souple cloth, with white vest, and dainty white and black toque; Mrs. L. R. Bloomfield, striking toilette of navy and white striped Ninon de soie, with white vest, large black picture hat; Mrs. Duthie was wearing a white and blue taffeta, with white lace, and a becoming white and black hat; Mrs. Ruck, grey summer tweed tailor-made costume, with black toque; Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield was gracefully gowned in white and black striped Ninon de soie, with Tuscan straw hat with black ostrich feathers and white roses; Mrs. Mills wore a beautifully fitting grey taffeta, with V-shaped yoke of white lace, black and white plumed hat; Miss Mills, dainty white inserted muslin, with white and black hat with black and white roses; Mrs. George Bloomfield wore a becoming toilette of vieux rose Ninon voile, with cream guimpe and sleeves, smart black plumed hat; Mrs. Harry Bloomfield, a dainty gown of pale grey eolienne, with encrustations of lovely shaded medallions outlining the lace vest, charming grey hat, smothered with grey Bird of Paradise plumes; Mrs. Holgate, rich reseda green taffeta, relieved with cream lace, black hat; Mrs. E. W. Alison wore a lovely gown of black chiffon patterned with heliotrope flowers over heliotrope lace, the bodice toned with white Irish lace, deep heliotrope hat, with ostrich plumes; Mrs. Ewen Alison, smart grey and white striped toilette, with dainty white and blue hat; Miss Ivy Alison, ivory embroidered chiffon taffeta, and pretty violet hat; Miss Berry, dainty pink and white striped embroidered cambric, black hat; Mrs. Halsey, ciel blue eolienne, with cream yoke, and large black hat; Mrs. Sharpe, grey tweed coat and skirt, with white embroidered vest, crushed raspberry hat; Mrs. Hughes, black Shantung silk, with insertions of black lace, black hat; Mrs. Mackie (Wanganui), blue and white toilette, white and black hat; Mrs. Devore, black and pink floral chiffon, inset with black lace, mounted on shrimpt pink lace, dainty ivory and black bonnet, with touches of pink; Mrs. Collins (New Plymouth), dainty pale green costume, worn with a pink toque; Miss K. Devore, pretty pale blue Sicilienne, with picture hat to match; Mrs. Buckland, black silk toilette, and black toque relieved with touches of white; Mrs. Tonks was wearing white, with a black hat; Mrs. Foster, ivory Sicilienne, with touches of black velvet, black hat, wreathed with roses; Mrs. Elliott Davis's gown was of dainty cigar-brown taffeta, with a cream lace vest, cream hat garlanded with shaded roses and black ribbon; Miss Rubie Seddon (Wellington) was wearing a dainty costume of white and black pink striped cloth, and a pretty Copenhagen blue hat; Miss Louison (Christchurch) wore a white inserted muslin frock and a white hat with pale pink roses; Miss Pearl Gorrie, cream cloth coat and skirt, and smart pale blue hat; Miss Dolly Scherff, dainty ivory cloth Eton costume, with becoming black hat; Miss Kathleen Hill, white inserted muslin and pale blue hat; Mrs. Dargaville was gowned in black, relieved with white, black and white toque; Mrs. Robert Dargaville, effective black and grey toilette, with white vest and sleeves, green

hat wreathed with roses; Miss Dargaville was prettily frocked in a blue and white striped taffeta, with white lace guimpe and sleeves, Leghorn rose trimmed hat; Mrs. Derry was wearing a pretty green and white invisible check gown, with yoke and sleeves of lace, cream hat brightened with touches of cherry velvet; Miss Thorpe's toilette was a white and pink floral silk, with a cream hat; Miss Lily Thorpe wore white inserted muslin, and white hat wreathed with Copenhagen blue roses; Mrs. Arthur Lewis (Wanganui), pale grey tailor-made costume, and small red hat; Mrs. Wallace Lawson, dainty cream pina over white lace, hat en suite; Mrs. Fred. Yonge was wearing a grey floral mouseline and rose wreathed hat; Miss Ailie Yonge, white embroidered muslin with a pretty pale blue hat; Miss Violet Gray, soft white muslin, white hat swathed with a pale blue scarf; Mrs. Hodgson (Eng.), navy blue cloth tailor-made gown, and small pale blue hat; Mrs. Hartland wore a graceful mauve floral Ninon de soie toned with lace, and pretty hat to match; Miss Hartland wore white, cream hat with a large ribbon bow; Mrs. Percy Butler wore an effective gown of grey and white striped Marquisette with a cream vest, becoming pale blue hat; Mrs. Henry Nolan wore a lovely gown of heliotrope chiffon taffeta, with a smart hat of same shade; Mrs. Bodle's gown was a black lace inserted pina mounted on white lace, dainty white rose wreathed hat; Mrs. Baker, black silk with black and white vest, black and white hat to match; Miss Daphne Baker wore white muslin and a white hat garlanded with blue hydrangea; Mrs. Thornton (Cambridge) was gowned in a champagne embroidered eolienne, Manila straw hat garlanded with roses; Miss Worsp, white embroidered lawn over pale blue, blue and white hat; Miss Draper, pretty floral muslin with pink ceinture, dainty blue hat; Mrs. Savage looked charming in a lovely mignonette green ninon-de-soie and a becoming plumed hat of same shade; her sister wore a picturesque gown of white embroidered lawn lavishly trimmed with butter-coloured Valenciennes lace, brown hat with large bird in front; Mrs. Drummond Ferguson, black and white stripe marquisette, and pretty white hat; Miss Craig-Baird (Victoria), was wearing a pretty blue and white floral silk, and hat to match; Miss Audrey Stubbs wore white, with a Leghorn hat crowned with roses; Miss Forbes, pale grey toilette and pretty hydrange blue toilette; Mrs. Hume, dainty white muslin and black picture hat; Miss Little, soft white gown and pale blue hat; Mrs. Ranson, black and white toilette, black and white hat brightened with touches of cherry colour; Miss De Camp, navy blue and green embroidered eolienne, hat en suite; Mrs. Leckie, green silk toilette with white vest, hat to match; Mrs. Neill, dainty biscuit-coloured ninon voile, with floral ceinture, cream crinoline straw hat; Miss Hay, white linen costume and Manila straw hat; Miss Helen Hay wore white muslin with pale blue sash and hat; Miss Mabel Hay was in white, with a white hat finished with a large ribbon bow; Mrs. Louis Schatz (Christchurch) wore an effective blue Shantung silk, with smart hat to match; Mrs. Gore Gillan, white cloth costume with black picture hat; Mrs. Caro, black eolienne over white with a black and white toque; Miss Caro, pretty figured silk with vest and sleeves, and a becoming flower hat; Miss Cotter was in a charming gown of pale grey Ninon voile, very pretty grey picture hat; Mrs. Ralph, navy chiffon taffeta with vest and sleeves of cream lace, and a navy hat to match; Miss Ralph, pink and blue floral chiffon banded with pink taffeta, blue and pink hat to match; Mrs. John Reid, black chiffon taffeta with cream lace vest, black toque; Miss Jessie Reid, dark blue taffeta with vest and sleeves of white lace, white hat with garland of green leaves; Mrs. Harry Marsack, cream cloth coat and skirt with white and pink hat; Mrs. Herz, black and white check costume faced with white, with smart black and white hat to match; Mrs. Charles Brown, pretty cream, muslin gown with a blue and green hat; Mrs. L. Berryman wore a navy taffeta with real lace and a black toque; Miss Daisy Benjamin, cream Sicilienne coat and skirt, white hat with shaded roses; Mrs. E. Benjamin, pretty green eolienne costume hat to match; Mrs. O. Phillips, eau de nil silk banded with velvet of a deeper shade and bretelles of white lace, Tuscan hat with white and green; Miss Isabel Clarke, grey and white striped taffeta, with a black and white check coat, black hat swathed with black tulle; Miss Roie Nathan was dain-

tily frocked in white, muslin tucked and inserted, and a white and black hat with black ostrich feathers; Miss Blowing, pretty white embroidered muslin with crushed raspberry straw hat with black rim and large black bow; Miss Douglas, dainty white Swiss muslin with a becoming pink hat; Miss Walker wore a lovely grey taffeta with white lace, black picture hat; Mrs. H. Keesing, dark green chiffon taffeta, with white lace vest and a green toque with green and white tulle; Miss Beryl Keesing, pretty pink and white floral muslin, with pink ceinture and a pink and white hat to match; Mrs. Grant was wearing a blue and white check taffeta with a pretty blue floral hat; Mrs. Raynor, deep rose pink chiffon taffeta with cream lace vest, black hat with drooping white plumes; Miss Ida Thompson, very picturesque gown of ciel blue muslin, large blue hat to match; Miss Nellie Thompson's simple frock of white poked dotted muslin had touches of black velvet and was worn with a daisy wreathed hat; Miss Ballin, pink floral muslin with pink ceinture, pink hat with pink roses and large bow of black ribbon; Mrs. Sweet, black chiffon taffeta with sleeves and vest of cream lace, black plumed hat; Mrs. J. Collins, pale blue chiffon taffeta with silver and pink embroidery, blue hat wreathed with forget-me-nots; Miss Peacocke, cream cloth costume, white and blue hat; Miss L. Peacocke, white and blue floral muslin with blue hat wreathed with pink roses; Mrs. Geoffrey Bacon (England) wore a becoming toilette of vieux rose ninon voile trimmed with cream lace, black plumed hat and white feather bow; Mrs. J. Roach, smart gown of black and white striped voile trimmed with narrow velvet ribbon and Valenciennes lace, green straw hat with green and heliotrope ribbons and a cluster of pink roses; Miss Percival, navy Sicilienne costume, cream lace vest, becoming hydrangea blue hat; Miss Eva Percival, blue taffeta with white lace and smart blue hat to match; Miss Mahoney was striking gowned in a blue taffeta, shot with champagne, black hat with shaded plumes and blue roses; Mrs. Hamby was wearing a striking gown of champagne tinted chiffon taffeta, with a tiny brown stripe, with bretelles of Honiton lace and band of golden brown velvet, Tuscan and brown straw hat with Bird of Paradise plumes; Mrs. Duder, more green eolienne with cream lace vest, green hat to match; Miss Duder, cream cloth costume, pretty blue hat; Miss — Duder was daintily frocked in white, with white hat garlanded with pink roses; Miss Dunnet, blue cloth braided with black, black and white hat; Mrs. Martin was wearing black with vest of Irish lace, becoming black and white toque; Miss Martin, blue and white striped costume, blue and white hat to match; Miss Spicer, pretty pink floral muslin, with pink flower wreathed hat; Mrs. Mackay, navy blue tailor made costume faced with white, smart black toque; Mrs. H. C. Fenton, pretty greeny grey summer-tweed with silk facings, hat en suite.

After the brilliant crowd present at the races at Ellerslie on Boxing Day, the lawn looked comparatively deserted last Saturday, when

#### THE SECOND DAY'S RACING

eventuated. The weather was perfect, and there were some very pretty toilettes worn, which I must do my best to describe to you. The Hon. Kathleen Plunket was gowned in a dainty white embroidered lawn brightened with rose-pink ceinture, Manila straw hat garlanded with pink roses; Mrs. Hodgson wore a navy embroidered pina over white taffeta, with a vest of cream lace, and a pretty Tuscan hat trimmed with black velvet and shaded roses; Miss Gorrie was effectively gowned in a lovely shade of periwinkle blue, with touches of cream, and becoming rose-wreathed hat; Miss Gwen Gorrie wore a dainty toilette of green taffeta with white guimpe and sleeves, black picture hat; Miss — Gorrie, pretty white muslin, inserted with lace, Tuscan hat; Miss Bagnall, black and white striped marquisette, white hat, with large black and white bow; Mrs. McDonald, rich black silk inset with lace medallions mounted on white lace, white and black bonnet, with cluster of pink roses at one side; Miss McDonald, very pretty pale blue gown and pale blue hat to match; Mrs. Holgate was gowned in white, and wore with it a black plumed hat; Mrs. Ross (Cambridge), dainty white muslin and lace, white hat with pink roses; Mrs. Mackie (Wanganui), white and blue floral mouseline gown with encrustations of lace, white hat trimmed with shaded roses;