

Births, Deaths and Marriages.

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BIRTHS.

- ATKINSON.**—On Tuesday, April 14th, at their residence, Francis-street, Richmond, Auckland, to Mr. and Mrs. Val Atkinson, a daughter; both well.
- BATSON.**—On April 11th, at Albert-rd., Epsom, the wife of Frederick Batson, of a son; both doing well.
- BEATTIE.**—At the Superintendent's residence, Mental Hospital, 4th inst, the wife of R. M. Beattie; of a son.
- HARLAND.**—On April 14th, 1908, at her mother's (Mrs. McLachlan) residence, Hayden-street, the wife of J. W. Harland, Ahurua, Kaipara; of a daughter.
- HIGHWAY.**—On April 12, at her residence, Grafton-road, the wife of A. G. Highway, of a son.
- HEATH.**—At Nurse Pike's Private Hospital, New Plymouth, on April 6th, 1908, the wife of Edwin A. Heath, of a son. Both well.
- HENNING.**—On April 11, at Nurse Beuth's Crumner-rd., the wife of William Henning; of a son.
- LAWRENCE.**—On April 16th, at their residence, 64, Newton-road, to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lawrence; a daughter (still-born).
- OLDBURY.**—On April 16th, at Mrs. Gishy's, Glenmore Villa, Kingsland, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry John Oldbury, a daughter.
- QUELCH.**—On April 14th, the wife of Thomas Quelch, of a daughter; both well.
- ROBERTSON.**—On April 15, at their residence, Belle Vue road, Mt. Eden, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Robertson, a daughter; both well.
- WOODCOCK.**—On April 14, at Surrey Crescent, the wife of John Woodcock, of a daughter; both doing well.

MARRIAGES.

- ROWDEN-LAWRENCE.**—At Auckland, on April 17th, 1883, Richard Moxon Bowden, of Cornwall, England, to Rose Ellen, second daughter of Cornelius and Sophie Lawrence, of Kent, England, and Station-street, Newmarket; present address, ~~100, Cambridge-st.~~
- HARGRAVE-TILLS.**—On ~~April 17th~~, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Parnell, by the Rev. Canon Alex Murray, Fred. C. Hargrave, of Opotuni, Hokitika, eldest son of John Hargrave, of Narramine, N.S.W., to Victoria May, third daughter of Mr. Charles Tills, of Koutu, Hokitanga.
- LOYD KELSEY.**—On February 19, at the Presbyterian Church, Howick, by the Rev. T. F. Robertson, William John Hutchinson, eldest son of the late William Lloyd, of Brockby, Auckland, to Ritzpah Fanny, eldest daughter of Frederick William Kelsey, of Howick, Auckland.
- ROLLAND-COX.**—On April 14th, 1883, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the late Rev. A. Garrick, Harry, the eldest son of the late T. Rolan, R.C.S., London, to Felicia Ellen, eldest daughter of R. and S. Cox, of this city.

DEATHS.

- AGAR.**—On April 15, at Lyttelton, Catherine, the beloved wife of the late George Agar, after a painful illness; aged 67 years.
- CASHEN.**—On April 16th, 1908, at the residence of her son-in-law (L. W. McGlashan), Calliope-rd., Devonport, Johanna, beloved mother of Thomas Cashen and Mrs L. W. McGlashan; aged 74 years.
- HENNING.**—On Wednesday, 15th April, at Nurse Beuth's, Crumner-rd., beloved son of William and Agnes Henning; aged three days.
- HOBSON.**—On April 13th, at the residence of his sister, Belle View-rd., Mt. Eden, John Hobson, of Pymble, Sydney, and formerly of Thames; aged 63 years.
- HUME.**—At Avonide, on April 19th, James Atcheson Hume, late of Edinburgh, Scotland. "In the presence of the King."
- JEFFES.**—At Owhina, April 13th, 1908, Charles Kingsford, dearly beloved husband of Ellen Jeffes; in his 74th year.
- LEVET.**—On April 16th, at Wellington, Florence Louise Crisp (Flores), dearly beloved daughter of Fanny and the late William Crisp Levet, aged eighteen.
- LIGHT.**—On April 13th, at "Wellmaringle," Ardmore-rd., Ponsonby, Harold Edwin Light, dearly beloved husband of Ethel (Kona) Light, and dearly beloved youngest son of William Light, Wellington, in his 26th year. Deeply regretted.
- LYELL.**—On April 13th, 1908, at Wanganui, Annie Heselbine (Nanny), widow of the late David Stuart Lyell, of Auckland. Interred at Wanganui.
- MAIN.**—On April 12th, at Epsom, Hannah, relict of the late G. M. Main, of this city; aged 74 years.
- MECCHAN.**—At Paeroa, on Good Friday, 17th April, Florence, beloved wife of John Mecchan, late of Pukekohe, aged 74 years.

- MINCHER.**—On April 13th, at Auckland, Arthur Henry, the dearly beloved younger son of Thomas and Christina Mincher, of Waitera, in his 19th year. At rest.
- SCOTT.**—On April 14th, at Rawlstonstone Hospital, after a short illness, Edward John Scott, master mariner, dearly beloved husband of Isabella Scott, King's View-rd., Mt. Eden. Deeply regretted.
- TAYLOR.**—On April 17th, at the District Hospital, Agnes Theresa, dearly beloved eldest daughter of George Henry and Agnes Margaret Taylor, Queen-st., Grey Lynn, aged 10 years 1 month. Safe in the arms of Jesus.
- THOMSON.**—On April 14th, 1908, at Tennyson-st., Grey Lynn, Mavis Winifred, the beloved youngest daughter of John Meredith and Elizabeth Thomson; aged 19 months. (Suddenly, of convulsions.)

Romance of True Love.

A strange romance surrounds a fine old-fashioned mansion in the centre of Milton Road, near Sittingbourne, Kent, which has for many years been going to rack and ruin through the neglect of its owners. It begins with a story of a young woman's unrequited love, followed by a pathetic, lonely courtship between a brother and sister, and ended last week-end in the removal of the lady to an asylum.

For many years (says the "Daily Chronicle") Miss Eleanor Hyde and Mr John Hyde, the only surviving children of the late Mr Robert Hyde, solicitor, Milton Road, have been shut up in the old mansion, which occupies a commanding site on the hill leading to Milton's High-street.

At his death Mr Hyde, who had built up a lucrative practice, bequeathed the stately home to his two children. Miss Hyde, who was a lover of outdoor sports and an expert horsewoman, was one of the most popular ladies following hounds in the neighbourhood. The family had long been settled in the county, and was represented at all social functions.

After the death of their father the two young people continued to mix in society. As a young woman, Miss Hyde was of prepossessing appearance, and merry disposition, and had many admirers. The man, however, who found favour in her eyes did not return her love, and from the day that she discovered this, "the whole current of her being" was changed.

No longer did she follow the hounds. She withdrew to her home, where she and her brother lived, under the care of an aunt. Many years ago the aunt died, but Miss Hyde and her brother continued to live together in the old home. Their eccentricities were the talk of the neighbourhood.

About three years ago Miss Hyde became still more strange. She had a disagreement with her brother, when she turned out of the house, and then became a complete recluse.

At nightfall Miss Hyde regularly walked to the churchyard—nearly a mile distant—to visit her father's grave, and on her return she quickly shut herself in as if afraid some one in the darkness might get a peep inside.

The old house got out of repair. The front windows were wantonly broken by boys, with the result that the agents in charge of the family affairs banded them up. The local magistrates intervened, however, on sanitary grounds, and the house was put into proper order.

Miss Hyde used to have her food placed outside the back door by an old servant of the family, and when unobserved she snatched the food away. Finding on one occasion that a quantity of food had not been touched, her brother became apprehensive, and a medical man was summoned. Forcing an entrance into the house it was discovered that Miss Hyde was ill, and suffering from neglect and want of nourishment.

After treatment the lady's case was brought to the notice of the Lunacy Commissioners. The sequel was that, acting under instructions, a medical superintendent of a lunatic asylum, accompanied by Superintendent Crowhurst, visited the house. The brother, who had returned, resented their approach, but his opposition was overruled. The door of the house was forced and Miss Hyde was confined to be sent to the asylum.

Armed with an order from the Lord Chancellor, the police superintendent and the relieving officer, together with a police constable, paid another visit to the house. Miss Hyde was in a condition of sad neglect, and excitedly flourished a razor, of which she was instantly dispossessed. Notwithstanding the strong opposition of her brother she was driven to the workhouse, where she was certified by a magistrate to be insane, and removed to Chatham Asylum.

During her detention at this institution, Miss Hyde has made considerable improvement. Her conversation is sufficiently sane to warrant the belief that she will be released before long. The mansion at Milton, however, which is luxuriously furnished, remains closed.

Orange Blossoms.

ENGAGEMENTS.

No Notice of Engagements or Marriages can be Inserted unless Signed by Our Own Correspondent or by some responsible person, with Full Name and Address.

The engagement is announced of Miss Elfrida W. Sicely, youngest daughter of Mr. F. J. Sicely, surveyor, Marton, to Mr. Edgar C. Stow, third son of Mr. W. W. Stow, Bank of New Zealand, Lyttelton.

BRAMLEY-POYNTER.

A wedding of considerable local interest was celebrated by the Rev. Shier (Wellington) at Otaki recently, when Miss Grace Poynter, eldest daughter of Mr. Poynter, postmaster at Otaki, was married to Mr. George Bramley, son of Mr. Bramley, of Wellington South. The bride, who was given away by her father, was daintily attired in pearl grey nun's veiling, and the bridesmaids, Misses Poynter (2), and Dempsey, also wore pretty nun's veiling frocks. Mr. Hugo Bramley was best man. After the ceremony a large number of guests were entertained at a reception given at the Town Hall.

APLIN-BURNETT.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Carterton, recently, when Miss Mabel Burnett, daughter of Mrs. Burnett, Belvedere, was married to Mr. Joseph Aplin, Carterton. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. Charles Johnston, Parnell, Auckland, wore a dainty cream crepe de chine gown prettily finished with cream guttate insertion and spotted net, a beautiful hand-embroidered veil, and a lovely shower bouquet completed her toilette. Miss Lily Burnett, and Miss Ida Aplin, sisters of the bride, and bridegroom respectively, were bridesmaids, and were prettily gowned in cream silk, trimmed with lace and insertion, and they wore cream straw hats with ostrich plumes, and carried pink and white shower bouquets. The two tiny maids of honour, Grace Aplin, and Maggie McPhee, wore picturesque white embroidery dresses and Paris bonnets, and carried white crooks with blue flowers and streamers. Mr. E. Aplin was best man, and Mr. Bert Eagle acted as groomsmen.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. Thompson, M.A. Mr. W. Moore presided at the organ. After the ceremony a large number of guests were entertained by Mrs. Burnett, at her residence, Pine Villa, Belvedere, and later Mr. and Mrs. Aplin left on their wedding trip to Roturua and Auckland, the bride wearing a smart brown travelling costume with hat to match.

FITNESS-WIDDUP.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at Tatarariki on Friday, April 10, by the Rev. Mr. Wills, when Miss Ann Widdup, daughter of Mr. R. Widdup, was married to Mr. Jabez Fitness, second son of Mr. Fitness, of Rehia. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a cream tulle-tas gown, lined with lace, and her maid of honour, Miss Mary Widdup, was prettily frocked in cream voile. Mr. W. H. Fitness was best man.

CARSWELL-WILLIAMS.

The marriage of Miss May Williams, of Rissington, to Mr. David Carswell, of Puketariki, took place at Waipawa on Thursday, April 9, in the presence of a large number of friends. The Rev. G. K. Stowell performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. E. Williams, was married in a handsome travelling dress of blue cloth, with hat to match. The Misses L.

and D. Liddell, nieces of the bride, assisted as bridesmaids, and were prettily attired in cream voile and cream silk respectively, brightened with touches of pale pink. They wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. W. Harper, of Hastings, was best man. After the ceremony, about 60 guests were entertained by Mrs. H. Liddell, sister of the bride. The wedding presents were numerous and handsome.

Fish Soups.

As in other soups, the first step is to prepare a foundation stock, and this can be done by adding the bones of a cod's head to the water in which the head was boiled, and boiling them fast from six to eight hours until a large quantity of gelatine has boiled from the bones into the water. Fish bones and trimmings, such as fins and skin, which are left when fish is filleted, can be used instead of the cod's head bones, and these can be obtained from a fishmonger at the merest nominal charge should the household supply be scanty. The great point to remember is that fish which is used in making soup, no matter whether trimmings or cheap coarse fish, cannot be too fresh. A piece of fish which is slightly tainted becomes less unpleasant when boiled, because some of the taint boils out into the water, and this being the case, it is easy to see how objectionable would be the soup made from tainted fish.

THE FLAVOURING OF THE SOUP.

is the next consideration, and this needs a little care. The stock, which is prepared from fish, has a more decided flavour than that which is prepared from meat, and the vegetables and seasonings must be judiciously blended so that the fishy flavour shall not preponderate. To ensure this it is well to add the vegetables to the stock while it is being made, so that the full vegetable flavour shall be extracted, and to use celery or onions, both of which accord well with fish. In larger proportions than is usual with meat soups. Sweet herbs, parsley, mace, and cayenne are all useful flavourings. The stock may be used as the sole liquid, or milk may be added, and the soup is greatly improved by the addition of any sauce left over from the fish course of the previous day, such as white sauce, caper sauce, egg sauce, anchovy sauce, or oyster sauce.

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