

Orange Blossoms.

BULLOCK—SIMSON.

A very quiet wedding was celebrated at "King's Court," Upper Queen-street, on Saturday morning, May 23rd, only the relatives and a few intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom being present, when Miss Flossie Simson, daughter of Mr. Hector N. Simson, of Auckland, was married to Mr. Arthur Bullock, son of Mr. Arthur W. M. Bullock, Parnell, Auckland. The large drawing-room at King's Court was prettily decorated for the occasion with pot plants and flowers, and after the ceremony, which was performed by Canon Calder, of All Saints', Ponsonby, Miss Madeline Watkins played the Wedding March. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a very handsome royal blue chiffon taffeta gown over lace, with silk lace vest embroidered with royal blue chiffon passementerie, laced and piped with emerald green ribbon blue and emerald green hat, with rich royal blue plumes and ribbons, and in place of the usual bouquet the bride carried a handsome set of prayer books in a silver case, the gift of the bridegroom. The only bridesmaid was Miss Glory Angela Simson, of Napier, niece of the bride, who was prettily frocked in pale blue velvet, with a pale blue velvet Dutch bonnet covered with Maltese lace, and she carried prayer books in silver case, the gift of the bridegroom, who also gave her a gold name brooch. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a pearl and turquoise ring. Mr. Frederick Webber acted as best man, and Mr. Rupert W. Simson was groomsmen. The wedding breakfast was held at "Kings' Court," after which Mr. and Mrs. Bullock left on their wedding trip to the Hot Lakes District, the bride wearing a smart violet tailor-made costume with violet velvet trimmings, and violet straw hat trimmed with violet velvet, roses and ribbon, and handsome muff and furs. Mrs. Simson, the bride's mother, wore a handsome black taffeta trimmed with black velvet bebe ribbon, and a Maltese lace caplet; Mrs. Bullock (mother of bridegroom), Royal blue taffeta silk, with rich silk braided vest over white satin; Miss Poppy Simson (sister of bride), creme crepe de chine, embroidered with pale pink roses, lace trimmings; Miss May Bullock (sister of bridegroom), creme satin cloth, embroidered with pale pink passementerie, moss green hat trimmed with roses and ribbons; Mrs. Boulton, black silk taffeta; Miss Boulton, creme tulle voile over lace, lace trimmings; Miss Madeline Watkins, Royal blue satin cloth coat and skirt, silk lace vest, Royal blue hat.

On the Thursday evening previous to the wedding a "musical" and dance was given by Mr and Mrs Simson at "King's Court," the hall wall being beautifully decorated for the occasion, and most delightful dance music was supplied by Meredith's orchestra. About a hundred guests were present, and the dresses were very dainty and pretty. In an interval of the dancing Miss Simson was presented with a massive silver tray by her numerous friends at "King's Court." The presentation was made by Mrs. Beeton in a most felicitous little speech, to which Miss Simson feelingly responded. Mrs. Simson received her guests in a black chiffon taffeta gown, with Maltese lace on bodice; Miss Simson, pretty pale blue crepe de chine, with wide insertions of Maltese lace, and silver girdle round waist; Miss Poppie Simson, black velvet gown, trimmed with rich golden passementerie; Mrs. Bullock, Royal blue chiffon taffeta; Miss Bullock, creme silk crepe de chine, with touches of vieux rose.

CARTER—BATGER.

St. Sepulchre's Church, Khyber Pass, was the scene of a very pretty wedding last Tuesday, May 26, when Miss Alice Batger, daughter of Mr. John Batger, "Oaklands," Mt. Eden, was married to Mr. John Carter, late of Adelaide, S.A. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Herbert Reeve, and the church was prettily decorated for the occasion by Miss Firth and other friends. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly gowned in an Empire

toilette of ivory satin charmeuse, trimmed with sprays of roses of same material, a lovely tulle veil embroidered with silver thread arranged over a coronet of orange blossoms, and white leather, and a most exquisite bouquet composed mainly of white violets, completed a very dainty tout ensemble. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Stericker, niece of the bride, and Miss Mona Gordon. They were very prettily frocked in pale blue silk, and wore becoming white crinoline straw hats garlanded with violets, and carried lovely violet sprays. Mr. Alfred Cooper, the bride's cousin, was best man. Mr. Carter's presents to the bride and bridesmaids were beautiful pearl pendants. After the ceremony a reception was held at "Oaklands," and later Mr. and Mrs. Carter left on their wedding trip, the bride wearing a smart Saxe blue cloth tailor-made gown, effectively and embroidered, and a very pretty golden brown straw hat trimmed with white and blue wings, embroidery and velvet.

WEBSTER—WEBB.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Matthew's Church on the 27th April, the contracting parties being Miss Ida Webb, daughter of Mr. J. A. Webb, of Leichhardt, Sydney, and Mr. Henry Webster, son of the late Mr. Thomas Whatlof Webster, of Leicestershire, England. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a lovely gown of white French silk and point lace; she also wore a handsome tulle veil, and carried a shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss Amy Hallam, Miss Ruth Webb, and Miss Emma Howden, who all wore pretty white silk dresses and felt hats to match; they also wore gold bangles, the gifts of the bridegroom. The Rev. Gillam was the officiating clergyman. Mr. Philpott presided at the organ, and played the "Wedding March." After the ceremony a small reception was held at the Piccadilly, where about fifty guests assembled. The happy couple left by the afternoon train for Rotorua. The bride's travelling dress was a myrtle green tailor-made costume and hat to match.

Touting Circulars.

CLERK'S SPECULATION OF £354,600.

In sentencing Charles Lewis Talbot, a young clerk, to five months' imprisonment at the Old Bailey for forgery, the Recorder strongly condemned touting circulars sent to induce people to speculate on the Stock Exchange.

Talbot forged cheques for £2,000, speculated with the money in American Rails, and lost. It was stated that he was induced to speculate by circulars issued by the City of Westminster Exchange.

"Everyone, listening to this melancholy case, must feel that the law is urgently in need of revision," the Recorder said. "Talbot's downfall is entirely due to the receipt of circulars inviting him to embark on speculations by which he was told he could make large sums of money."

"Anyone with the slightest practical knowledge of life knows that fortunes are not made in that way, but ruin is brought about by it. I cannot speak too strongly of the City of Westminster Exchange's action in sending circulars to this young clerk without the slightest inquiry, and in allowing him to speculate with them, in the course of six or seven weeks, in accounts representing stock to the enormous sum of £354,600, and representing to him a loss of £3,000, which money he obtained by forging the name of his employer."

"So strongly do I feel on the matter that I shall direct a transcript of the shorthand notes in this case to be sent to the law officers of the Crown, in the hope that legislation may be passed without opposition, making it an offence for any such society to open accounts under the circumstances which have been disclosed in this case."

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 Rose Taylor, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Taylor, "Windhill," Mangere, to Mr. Cecil Cooke, dentist, of Auckland.

The engagement is announced of Dr. Alice Moorhouse to the Rev. C. Morland, Headmaster of Christ's College Grammar School.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mal Watson, of Lower Hutt, Wellington, to Mr. Alex. Sutherland, of Ngaiapa Station, Wairarapa.

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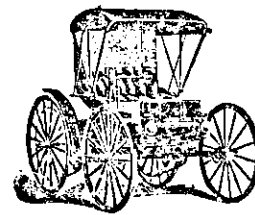
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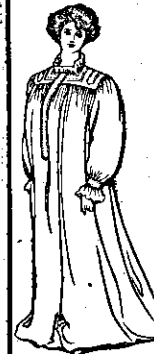
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