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MRS, GEORGE CORNWALLIS WEST ON "SENSELESS FESTIVITIES."

' Mrs. Cornwallis West has an article in the "New York World," in which she scattlingly criticises the New York "smart

She declares that the eccentricities of these people are due to "a desire to Attract attention as a means of getting into the best society by a display of wealth." She adds:--

"The empty lives and osteniations, not to say vulgar, entertainments of certain avoid be fashionable women are naturally condemned by all sensible and right-thunking people. The glavified detailed accounts of some of these senseless festivities have brought thusbes to the checks of their compatitions abroad, who have been mercilessly chaffed on the stronge doings of their country people."

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Mrs. Cornwallis West says that In longland intestinal merit is more appareisted in the most exclusive circles than rank or fortune, and that the English society weman has an advantage ever let American cousin in mixing in politics, thus giving her an additional outlet for her congries.

She expressed the belief that the mixtakes some American secrety women are making will soon be climinated by their seen good sense and intelligence.



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"Back in '95 I had bad health through Chronic Indigestion," said Mr. Henry Wilkins, Club Hovel, Wellington, N.Z. "Every time I atcanything I had a tightening pain in the chest, as if the wells of the chest were meeting and grinding. The food haid on my chest in a hard tump, and then some time after it would all come up. My breath was disagreeable and there was always a dragging pain in my stomach and a heaviness in the pit of it. I was always constipated and this caused me a lot of trouble. When I got up in the morning my head started to swim round and I felt that I would fall. I had to sit down until I felt better. I used to feel depressed and miserable. I was drowsy all day and had to shake myself up to look after my business. Attacks of biliotaness affected me cruelly. I used to get splitting headaches, and the pain that shot through my head made it feel as tit was opening and shutting all the time. For three years I suffered like this, going to some of the best doctors, who did not do me a bit of good. I tried pretty well every patent medicine advertised but it was money thrown away. Then a friend of mine advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I started them, and after the first box I regained health every day. By the time I had taken nine boxes I was thoroughly cured. For the last three years I have not had the least return of the old complaint."

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OUT-DOOR SPORTS.

CRICKET.

Auckland.

The fourth round of the matches for the Auckland championships was concluded on Saturday, and as on the previous week the batting was extremely ereditable, and the highest individual score put up this season was recorded,

score put up this season was recorded, 192 not out, which was made by E. MacCormack of the City team.

In the seniors, Parnell and Grafton drew, each side scoring a point. Parnell, with 337 on the board for three wickets, continued batting and carried the total 362 for four wickets when the innings was declared closed. Hutchings made 60, not out, Grafton started out to catch up the magnificent score of their opponents, and when time was called they had lost nine wickets for 290 runs, the game ending in a draw—S. Cottell compiled 93, S. P. Jones 54, F. R. Mason 39, C. Hayl 19, and E. Horspool 17. Fairburn took two wickets for 79, Hutchings four for 70, E. V. Sale two for 45, and C. Oliff one for 41. for 41.

for 41.

In response to the 200 put up by North Shore, Eden A continued their first innings, and carried the score from 57 for two wickets to 97—Cummings 54, G. Mils 25, Robinson 24, Elliott 12. Hadden, the Shore howler, had the fine average of five wickets for 37 to his credit, and MacMahon took four for 31. When stumps were drawn Shore had three wickets down in the second innings for 168 runs. Shore won on the first junings

168 runs. Shore won on the new manage by 46 runs.

The Eden Colts failed to reach Ponsonby's first innings of 295 by 18 runs, and the latter scored a two-point win.

Towards Eden's 191 Relf contributed 87, J. Murray 34, R. McLaughlin, 19. Woods took four wickets for 75, Hobson two for 29, White two for 43. In their second attempt Ponsonby made 75 for three wickets down.

Kets down.

City put up 366 in reply to University's 205, and scored a two-point win. MacCormack gave a fine display for 192 runs, the highest score recorded this season, and the other principal scorers were Archer 32, Rose 30, Coseey 29, W. Harvie and C. Harvie 16 each, Hency 13, and Cobb 11. Of the 'Varsity trundlers Fenwick did the most execution, taking five wickets for 82 runs.

In the second grade matches University scored a three-point win over North Shore B by beating them by nine wickets scored a three-point win over North Shore B by beating them by nine wickets and 5 runs. Toward's Shore's second innings of 103 Wallace made 31, and Autrew 16. Budd took seven wickets' for 34 runs for the winners. In their second innings the University lost one wicket for 45, Wills making 26 not out. Parnell A beat City by an innings and 127 runs. City could only reach 63 in their first attempt, and the second was only productive of 24. Of the Parnell bowlers Resteaux took three for 24, Barnside six for 31, and five for 19, and Schoffeld took four for 4. Parnell B were not so successful as their club mates, and suffered a defeat by three wickets and 12 runs at the lands of Ponsonly. Parnell scored 64 in their first innings and 133 in the second. Ponsonly stattempt realised 116, and in their second innings they made 93 for seven wickets.

In the third grade Parnell heat City by nine wickets. In the winners' second innings Bobbe made 20 not out, and Wilson 26.

Thames.

The senior matches were resumed on Saturday, when the matches, Italied v. Tsarau, and Turus v. Hauraki, were con-cluded. In the former game, Taram closed their second inuings with four wickets for 65 runs, and quickly dismissed trated, eventually winning by 80 runs. Hauraki defeated Turus by seven wickets,

Hamilton.

The senior matches commenced last Saturday were concluded today. Hamilton East B by social wickets, Humpires (40 and Storchouse (40 being the chart of the course for a term; and dark, Rangatira best kin Kaha by Saturdays, and 23 runs. For Rangatira, Rev. Stantes socied 66, and took seven wickets for aix reas.

At Paeroa on Saturday the Thames Valley East Cricket Club were defeated by Mackaytown by one run, the scores being 60 and 50.

At Mackaytown, Thames Valley West were defeated by Karangshuke by an Inniuga and 27 runs, Karangshuke scoring 91 and Thames Valley 38 and 29.

Southern Cricket.

WELLINGTON.

Another round of the soalor cricket championships close on Saturday. Midland lost to Old Boys by an images and 86 runs, Monaghan taking five wickets for 28 runs and four for 5c. Wellington defeated Phocalx by 270 (for seven wickets) to 140 and 95. Petone secured an easy victory over Waiwett by an imaings and 200 runs.

CHRISTCHURCH

The fourth round of the first grade matches was continued on Saturday in the weather, Linwood, 284 (E. Humphreys 100, F. Wilding 47, S. H. Orchard 56, defeated East Christchurch, 158 and 101 (Ward 28, Edmonds and Aditson 18 each); West Christchurch, 20, beat Riesarton, 111, by 109 runs on the first imings; Sydenham, 188, beat St. Albans, 147, by 42 runs on the first imings.

DUNEDIN.

Splendid weather prevailed on Sainvilag, when the cricket matches were continued, bunedin best Ablion by 25 runs on the first initings. The former made 169 (Wilson 39), and Ablion 144 (Drake 50 not out) and 69 for two wickets (Williams 33 not out), and 69 for two wickets (Williams 33 not out) and 69 for two wickets (Williams 35 not out) and 69 for two wickets (Williams 53 not out), and 10 not out, Austin 54. Drama 46), and Opoleo 162 (Casey 47). Carisbrook A beat Grange by 38 runs on the first imings. The former made 210 for nine wickets (Rutherford 67, 8 Fester 61 not out), while Grange made 172 (Ogg 43, C. Benl 41 (not out).

The Plunket Shield.

The following team will represent Olago against Anckland in the Plunket shield inatch:—Anstla, Ayles, Downes, Fisher, Howden, Hughkins, Siedeberg, Torrance, Williams, Wilson, and Wordworth; emergencies, Indherford and C. Beat.

FOOTBALL.

The Australian Footballers.

The "Wallabies" (Australian amateur football team) suffered their second defeat on Dec. 2 when they met the combined Midlanders, Midland and East Mid-

The home team had the better of the

The home team had the better of the game, and won by eight points, the scores being: Midlands, two goals and one try, (13 points) to one goal (five points).

The Wallabies on Saturday played the Anglo-Welsh team of footballers who recently toured New Zealand, and defented them by 24 points to nil.

The following table gives the results of the matches played by the "Wallabies," and also shows how games played by the New Zealanders against some of the same teams resulted:—

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The League match against Swinton was not played, owing to the ground being enveloped in a thick fog.

Halifax beat the Australian League team on Saturday by 12 points to eight Halifax secured a goal in the second buff from penalties due by their opponents for rough play, O'Malley being ordered off the field for deliberate obstruction.

The Australian League players (principle)

The Australian League players (pro-fessionals) have played 19 matches, of swhich they have won 12, lost 5, and 2 have been drawn.