

The Sorrows of the Sallow.

DRESS AND COMPLEXION.

"She is so hopelessly sallow" says the mother of a sallow daughter irritably, and forthwith she proceeds to dress her girl in drab greys and neutral brown of the saddest tones of beige; and in course of time the child grows to regard herself as hopelessly ugly, and loses all interest in her personal appearance. In course of time, too, she develops into one of the woman whose personality can only be described as drab-coloured, and all for want of a little forethought! Now, no woman need regard herself as "hopelessly ugly" solely because she may chance to be possessed of a sallow skin. Putting on one side the fact that in these days of the face specialist no woman need continue sallow unless she chooses, or unless she is one of those rare folk whose sallowness is constitutional (and consequently incurable), let us take into consideration the law of compensation.

Now as a rule the law of compensation generally decrees that sallow-skinned women shall have fine eyes. I do not pretend to explain it, but there it is, and if one counts up the number of sallow-skinned women one knows, it will be found that on an average nine out of ten possess good eyes.

The sartorial duty then of the sallow woman lies clear before her.

She should dress up to her eyes, not, most emphatically, down to her complexion; and so shall her sallowness fall from her as a garment.

Let us see briefly how she can best do this.

To commence with, delicate colours are not for, with the solitary exceptions of warm hues and pale yellows.

There are the usual exceptions to every rule, and if the hair chances to be of the hue most easily described as nondescript, then the case must perforce be altered.

Assuming for the nonce, however, that the hair is of the dark shade of brown verging on black, which so invariably accompanies a sallow complexion, then those tones should be chosen which exercise a distinctly whitening effect upon the skin. Thus, for evening wear, vivid red, or orange, Indian red, tomato red, flame colour, and the gorgeous hue known as flamingo red.

These may, if wished, be relieved with touches of black, but the black must on no account be placed in close proximity to the face; and unless of necessity, black should not be worn except in combination with a colour; the latter, of course, being placed near the face, since just as yellow and orange diminish sallowness, black acts in a contrary direction.

For her outdoor wear the genuinely sallow woman should always fix upon some shade of red, the deeper richer tones chosen in preference to the others. Golden tan and the silvery and steely hues of grey are also a safe choice.

When the hair is fair, or inclining to fairness, matters are rendered extremely difficult, since the choice of a very few colours is all that is open to her.

For evening pale yellow and pale yellow only should be worn.

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A RELIEF.

If I might have his daughter's hand, I asked old Mr. Crockett. He answered: "If you take the one That's always in my pocket."

Society Gossip.

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee, February 8.

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, February 8th.

To be even ordinarily comfortable these days you must be in a darkened room, as near the ice chest as possible. The heat is awful, and the most annoying people imaginable are those that will tell you what lovely weather we are having, and how they like the heat. Even the theatre walls to attract me. We went to see "The Thief" the other night and though it was awfully good, we only eat and pined for iced drinks.

Wednesday, the last day of the Takapuna races was a beautifully fine day, and we really did not feel the heat so much over at The Shore—there really was a slight breeze, and perhaps the excitement had something to do with it; some of the finishes were lovely and, for a wonder, there were no bad accidents, though there were two horrid-looking falls. I think these races are getting more popular every year. There was a big crowd over on Wednesday, and amongst them I noticed: Mrs Wilfred Colbeck, daintily gowned in a white inserted muslin, with pale blue coat and a pretty flower wreathed hat; Mrs. Markham wore a white linen coat and skirt, with a Tuscan hat swathed with black tulle and black and white daisies; Mrs. Frank Ross' gown was white inserted muslin with touches of pink, and a Tuscan and pink hat; Mrs. W. Walker was wearing a grey and white striped marquisette with white lace vest, and a black and white toque; Miss Nora Walker was prettily frocked in a white embroidered muslin, with Tuscan hat garlanded with shaded roses; Mrs. E. B. Simpson, navy linen costume faced with white, pretty floral hat; Miss Ruby Porch wore a blue and white striped cambie, with a picture hat; Mrs. R. B. Lusk, pretty green and white floral mousseline, with a nattier blue hat; Miss Lusk, white inserted muslin, with Tuscan and black hat; Mrs. Lloyd, dainty muslin gown, with white and blue hat; Miss F. Smith, white cloth skirt, pretty white silk blouse, and a white hat to match; Mrs Herz was becomingly gowned in a white embroidered muslin with chine ribbon ceinture, and a white flower crowned hat; Mrs. Purdy, white costume with Tuscan hat wreathed with tiny roses; Mrs. Collins wore a blue and white checked taffeta toilette with bands of dark blue, and a very large patrick green satin hat swathed with black tulle; Mrs. Guinness looked charming in white with a Tuscan and white hat; Mrs. C. Owen was daintily frocked in a white embroidered muslin, with a white and pink flower-wreathed hat; Miss Duder in a pretty white muslin with touches of pink, becoming white and pink hat; Miss Ivy Duder wore a white inserted muslin threaded with black velvet, black and white hat to match; Mrs. Gouch was wearing a graceful blue and white striped gown, with white embroidered gumpie, hat en suite; Mrs. Hartland was gowned in a heliotrope and white floral mousseline with heliotrope ceinture and a pretty lilac crowned toque; Mrs. Sinclair was wearing white, with a Tuscan hat wreathed with shaded roses; Mrs. Hambro wore a green and white striped Directoire coat and skirt piped with green, and a large black hat; Miss Davy, blue and white costume, with small cornflower hat; Mrs. Benjamin wore a dainty white embroidered muslin, with a Tuscan and black hat; Miss Marks was in a pretty white and pale blue figured cambie, with a green hat swathed with tulle; Mrs. Coyle was gowned in a blue and white striped gown with a smart blue toque; Mrs. Pilkington, in a grey and white striped summer-tweed sallow-made, with a Tuscan and yellow hat.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Miss Eva Macky left by the a.s. Victoria on Monday for Sydney, where she will remain for some three months prior to going to Wellington to take up the position of secretary to the Y.W.C.A. Association in that city. The marriage of Miss Elsie Massey

(daughter of the Leader of the Opposition) will probably take place at Mangere in March. She has received from the Opposition a presentation, consisting of a tea-service, a large vase, and an exquisite chatelaine bag, all solid silver.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Bee, February 5.

We were all very disappointed that the Welsh Choir did not come to Cambridge, after being advertised to do so, but gave a concert in Hamilton instead. Crowther and Bell ran two brake loads through, and I hear every one thoroughly enjoyed them.

Next week Miss Ada Crossley is to give a concert in Hamilton, and a special train will run if a sufficient number give in their names.

We are all looking forward to the time when our new Town Hall is built, which will not be long now, as they are calling for tenders, and when it is finished we hope the good companies will come here as well as the other Waikato towns.

On Monday evening an orchestral concert was given in the Alexandra Hall, under the management of Mr S. Adams, of Auckland. The hall was not as well filled as could have been wished, but it was much appreciated by those present. On Saturday afternoon the company went up to the Sanatorium, and gave a concert. They were caught in a thunderstorm on the way up, and arrived drenched, but the matron and nurses soon made them comfortable with a change of clothing, and the patients and nurses thoroughly enjoyed the concert. The matron thanked them upon leaving for the pleasure they had given.

On Tuesday evening the same company gave a concert at Te Awamutu, when the hall was crowded.

On Wednesday several members of the Cambridge Tennis Club journeyed to Hamilton to play the Hamilton Club. Our Club were defeated by 8 matches to 5. They found the Hamilton courts very much faster than the local ones. A return match is to be played here on the 13th, when our Club hope to reverse the order of things. The Te Awamutu Club play here on Wednesday next; they were to have come over on the 20th, but the weather was too bad.

A small but enjoyable bridge evening was given by Mrs A. H. Nicoll on Thursday evening for her cousin, Miss Dunne, who is at present staying with her. Mrs Nicoll was wearing a becoming frock of nattier blue nixon de soie, made in the semi-Empire style, with square yoke and sleeves of tucked net, the yoke outlined with creme silk embroidered insertion; Miss Dunne, a dainty blouse of white chiffon taffeta, with yoke of tucked white net and ruffled sleeves, and black chiffon taffeta skirt; Mrs (Dr.) Roberts, a lovely frock of white and green striped chiffon taffeta, made in the semi-Empire style, the silk was made on the cross, and finished at hem with a band of reseau velvet, the bodice had a yoke of silk gauze worked in pale green and pink and outlined with gold; Miss Wells, creme voile, trimmed with bretelles of Ceylon lace; Miss Gwynneth, heliotrope chiffon taffeta blouse, with creme vest and bretelles of silk, finished with French knots, black silk skirt. Amongst the men were Dr. Roberts, Dr. Bennett (Devonport), Messrs Wells and Nicoll.

PERSONALS.

Dr. Bennett, of Devonport, is at present staying with Dr. and Mrs Roberts, of Cambridge.

Mrs A. H. Nicoll has returned to Cambridge after a five weeks' visit to Auckland. Her cousin, Miss M. Dunne, returned with her for a short visit.

Mr and Mrs Wells, of "Oakleigh," Cambridge, have gone for a month to Rotorua for a holiday.

Mrs Ross, of Wanganui, is at present visiting her daughter, Mrs W. L. C. Walker, of Cambridge.

Miss Mitchell, of Auckland, is at present visiting Mrs James Hally, of "Valmai," Cambridge.

Miss Ethel Willis, of Papakura, who has been on a visit to Mrs Hammond at the Bank of New Zealand, Cambridge, has returned home.

ELSIE.

The Gisborne Racing Club held their Summer Meeting at the Park Racecourse on Thursday and Friday, when beautiful weather prevailed, and the many recent improvements provided by the club for the comfort of the general public were much appreciated, including the new stewards' stand, which is built on new and up-to-date lines. The attendance of ladies was not perhaps so large as usual, probably due to restriction of so many complimentary tickets to our sex. Amongst those present I noticed: Mrs Sydney Williamson (Ngatapa), wearing a charming gown of pale blue chiffon, prettily trimmed, and large cream straw hat with black ostrich plumes; Mrs John Murphy, cream lace gown made over silk, pale blue hat with trimmings of black net; Mrs John Clark, brown and white halstone voile, with dark brown border, pale green and brown hat; Mrs F. Parker, ash white muslin, with trimmings of cream lace, etc., large burnt straw hat with bows of black ribbon; Mrs Parker, senr. (Napier), black silk, black bonnet; Mrs A. Rees, brown striped silk, biscuit coloured straw hat with pink roses; Miss Donne (England), striking Parisian gown of Wedgwood blue taffeta, made in Empire style, hat of black Panne wreathed in daisies; Mrs Charles Bennet, cream voile, with lace trimmings, embroidered hat to match; Mrs Lusk (Napier), white linen, hat trimmed with bows of heliotrope and green ribbon; Miss Reynolds, white embroidered muslin, black hat with clusters of blue and white daisies; Mrs O. Sainsbury, dark green Shantung silk, made in kimono style, cream Leghorn hat with wreath of crimson and pink roses; Mrs H. M. Porter, white embroidered linen brown hat, and scarf of same shade; Mrs Tomleson, Saxe blue taffeta, with sleeves and yoke of lace, hat of blue straw, with feathers of same shade; Mrs Schumacher, gown of blue silk, navy hat with blue and crimson roses; Mrs Willock, black and white spotted muslin, heliotrope hat with trimmings of chiffon and flowers; Miss Rosie Rees, fawn muslin, large black hat with wings, etc.; Mrs G. Reynolds, pale grey silk, very pretty burnt straw hat trimmed with tulle and cornflowers; Mrs C. Buecke, blue and white striped costume, with Directoire coat; Mrs H. White and Miss White, "Acton"; Miss Washmaun, pale blue silk, hat to match, with ruching of blue and black lace; Miss Symes, Mrs Gillingham, Saxe blue silk costume, large black hat; Mrs Symes, rose coloured taffeta, small black hat with trimmings of tulle and feathers; Mrs Stevenson, green and pink silk, large white hat trimmed with silk; Mrs Traill, Mrs Bright, Miss Bright, Miss Lewis.

Mrs Carmichael gave a most enjoyable euchre party at her residence one evening last week, to which about 30 young people were invited.

VISIT OF SIR JOSEPH AND LADY WARD.

Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, Miss Ward, Mr. Gladstone Ward, and Master Pat Ward paid a short visit to Gisborne on Saturday last. A special launch conveyed the party ashore from the Manuka, arriving at 10 a.m., where they were

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