

satin; Miss King, white muslin; Miss Western, pink silk and pink ribbons in her hair; Miss McIntyre, cerise velvet blouse, black skirt; Miss Richardson, a most becoming dress of black chiffon taffeta in semi-Empire style, the bodice having revers of white Oriental lace, finished with black tassels; Miss H. Wells looked smart in black chiffon taffeta, white tucker and sleeves of net and butterflies of the silk; Miss Taylor, pretty frock of black chiffon taffeta, and berthe of fine white lace, roses in coiffure; Miss Bryant, pale green silk, relieved with moss green velvet; Miss Donough (Auckland), white silk; Miss Gwynneth, heliotrope silk blouse, black silk skirt.

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## HASTINGS.

June 17.

## Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.

Winter races were held somewhat earlier this year, and on Wednesday, the first day, there was a large attendance, and a keen interest was kept up until the last races. A more than usually large number of smart and pretty gowns graced the lawns. Lady Price wore a smart French coat and skirt of striped mole, braided and buttoned in black and mole, mole hat with turquoise trimmings; Miss E. Williams, navy blue costume, Nattier blue toque, with subtle trimmings; Mrs. Stronach wore a neat tailor-made costume of mole nattier tweed, and a smart hat of burnt straw, black wings, and swatches of silk; Mrs. Barcroft, purple cloth braided with black, purple hat with roses, white furs; Mrs. Chas. Scott, green cloth, very becoming Marabout bushy hat with heavy silver cord, ruffs and muff en suite; Mrs. McKenzie, beautiful brown fur coat, brown hat with petrol blue and brown wings; Mrs. J. Beamish wore a smart brown coat and skirt, stylish hat en suite; Mrs. Fosswill, black and white striped gown, mole hat, very rich purple wings; Mrs. Mackersy, mole costume, violet hat; Miss Austin looked exceedingly nice in a military blue, braided with black, and a charming black hat; Mrs. Clarke, navy costume, hat of same blue; Mrs. Newbigen, pastel blue cloth, handsome lace waistcoat, white fox furs and beautiful white Marabout bushy hat, lined with green; Mrs. Williamson, cinnamon brown coat and skirt, white Cossack hat with electric blue quills; Mrs. W. G. Stead, navy cloth costume, nattier blue plumed hat; Mrs. Frank Cameron wore a very becoming gown of white cloth braided with silk soutache and a charming picture hat of black plumee; Mrs. Laudela, who always looks very elegant, was wearing a beautiful mole cloth coat and skirt, large black hat; Mrs. Macdonell looked well in a military braided blue coat and heavily pleated skirt, mole and white striped silk domed hat with long French quills, beautiful muff and stole of black fur tipped with white; Miss Evans wore a brown costume with becoming brown hat with pink wings; Mrs. Pharsen looked daintily in a fashionable coat and skirt of fine serge braided in palest lavender shade, beautiful satin hat to match with long soft plumes in a deeper tone of lavender; Mrs. Jack Miller was wearing a very pretty gown of sage blue, stone Marten set of furs and a black plumed hat, which suited her well; Miss Mason, pretty coloured coat and skirt of souple cloth, large petrol satin hat with wings to match; Miss Meurertzen, green corduroy, hat to match; Mrs. Rathbone (Waipawa) looked very sweet and pretty in a mole costume and winged hat to correspond; Miss Robinson, lovely little coat and skirt of brown, and a becoming hat of quilled forest green silk. Others present were:—Mrs. Nantros (Napier), Mrs. Rochford, Miss Cooper, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. McVay (Napier), Mrs. Hawkins (Napier), Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Reid, Miss Drury, Miss Cuthbert, Mrs. Brodie.

## Tennis Club Ball.

This function was held on Tuesday evening in the Drill Hall, and the committee had everything arranged most beautifully. The supper tables, with their bounteous fare and lovely clusters of violets, were worth the seeing, and the "Merry Widow" music, together with the lovely frocks worn, converted the ball-room into a very enchanting scene. It would be impossible to describe all the gowns worn, but I

will submit some of those which came under my notice:—Lady Price wore a beautiful petrol satin Directoire; Mrs. Stronach, who always in charming, wore a black frock with cream lace berthe, which looked exceedingly nice in its simplicity; Mrs. Tosswill wore a handsome cream satin; Mrs. Newbigen, a handsome French gown of embroidered rose net; Miss Wellwood, pale blue silk; Mrs. De Lisle, black and crimson gown; Miss Palmer, pastel green sequined robe; Mrs. Mackersy, heliotrope gown; Miss Baird, white silk; Miss M. Wellwood, cream silk.

## A Sad Fatality.

Quite a gloom was cast over Hastings when it became known that Miss Harding, who was thrown from her horse, had succumbed to her injuries, never having regained consciousness. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents, Miss Harding being an only daughter, and a most charming girl, having reached her 21st birthday.

## Personal.

Mrs. Fox has left for England. Sir Francis and Lady Price have returned from their honeymoon trip. Mrs. Williams (of Havelock North) is giving a private dance to a number of young people to-night in St. Matthew's Schoolroom. We are looking forward in anticipation to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stead's banquet and ball, which they intend giving at their homestead. Visitors to town for the races are:—Mr. and Mrs. S. Johnston, Miss Johnston, Miss Inglis, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. and Miss Gaisford, Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnston, Misses Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. T. Armstrong.

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## NAPIER.

June 19.

## Bridge Party

On Thursday evening last Mr. and Mrs. Stedman gave a bridge party to the Bank of New South Wales. There was a large number of guests, and the tasteful drawing room was a scene of animation and enjoyment. Mrs. Stedman received her guests in a lovely white lace gown, the corsage finished with pink chiffon roses, and draped with scarf of white and silver; Mrs. Riddell wore a becoming pink frock with pink scarf; Mrs. Wenley, handsome floral silk gown; Mrs. Levien, pale blue relieved with creme; Mrs. Paulney, black gown with touches of old gold; Mrs. Snodgrass, smart black silk; Mrs. Russell, gown of becoming green striped silk; Mrs. Smart, dainty white silk; Mrs. Edgar, white chiffon gown, handsome lace coat; Miss Fell, simple white silk; Mrs. Rutherford, creme frock with touch of crimson; Miss S. Rutherford, green silk; Miss McLean, soft white chiffon; Miss Brabant, white silk; Miss Moorcroft, white; Miss Seale, white frock finished with pale blue. The gentlemen present were: Messrs. Stedman, Brodie, Paulney, Parker, Chung, Shearou, Humphries, Hoben, Russell, Robertshaw, and Brabant. The prizes were won by Mr. Edgar and Mr. Russell. The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by musical selections, contributed by Misses Fell and McLean, and Mr. Hoben. The supper table was beautifully arranged with roses and maidenhair, and a dainty repast partaken of.

## Croquet Club Dance.

A very enjoyable dance was given by the ladies of the Napier Terrace Croquet Club on Thursday evening last. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs. Hales in pale blue muslin; Mrs. Archer, lovely gown of white crepe de chine, with vandyked over-dress of sequined net; Mrs. Ashcroft, very becoming frock of champagne tint over pale blue silk, finished with ecru net and lace; Miss Foreman, Empire gown of pale pink silk and creme net; Miss Burten-have looked very dainty in a trained white crepe de chine frock; Mrs. Crutchley, pale blue Liberty silk; Miss Dinwiddie, pale pink silk; Mrs. Herbert White, handsome black velvet gown, the corsage finished with point lace; Mrs. Burtenshaw, black; Mrs. A. H. Wilson, pale blue crepe de chine, filet net insertion; Miss Pufflet, becoming black; Mrs. Williams, yellow

satin; Miss Retemeyer, black crepe de chine; Miss K. Retemeyer, pale pink silk; Miss Niven, white silk; Miss Abolum, pink silk.

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