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There was a poor man up at Cairns, who possessed but a wife and twelve brins. Whose wheezing and sneezing was so far from pleasing, That it gave him some awful bad turns. In the midst of his terrible plight, 'Midst the coughing and harking at night, He found a friend sure in Woods' S'pper-mint Cure, That soon put his family all right.

Society Gossip.

(Special to the "Graphic.")

AUCKLAND.

July 12.

Dinner Party and Dance at Government House.

A DINNER party, followed by a small dance, was given by the Governor and Lady Plunket on Saturday evening, in honour of the officers of H.M.S. Challenger and H.M.S. Encounter. The residence was beautifully decorated throughout with hothouse flowers, potplants and rare ferns, thrown into striking relief by the rich crimson carpets and Genoa hangings on a background of pure white. With such a setting, the vari-coloured dresses of the ladies, combined with the gay uniforms of the naval gentlemen, made a brilliant scene. The Vice-Regal set of Lancers was made up as follows, after which Lord and Lady Plunket and suite occupied chairs at the top of the ballroom, where they could obtain a good view of the dancers.—His Excellency, Lord Plunket, and Mrs Colomb; Capt. da Costa and Her Excellency, Lady Plunket; Col. Tuson and Mrs A. Clark; Capt. Colomb and Miss Hill; Commander Lummoore and Mrs O'Rorke; Commander Grant and Mrs Studholme; Capt. Gathorne-Hardy and Mrs George Bloomfield; Mrs A. Clark and Mrs Parkes.

The proscenium was banked with potplants, and large ferns and palms, with pots of primula in bloom and aspidistra, were arranged in groups at intervals round the ballroom, while the chandeliers were wreathed with lycopodium and greenery. In the corridors, which were utilised for sitting-out, clumps of Chinese bamboo were tastefully dispersed, and the drawing and reception rooms formed a study in camellias, these beautiful flowers being heaped on the mantelpieces and disposed in vases everywhere. One table was devoted to the blooms of the yellow narcissus, arranged in specimen glasses, giving a striking effect, and the whole scheme relieved with pots of begonia and fern. Running the full length of the supper table was a set of five large gilt candelabra, with heavy plated gold and silver pot bowls containing begonias, interspersed with pure white narcissus.

Capital music was furnished by Burke's band, and, there being ample room and an excellent floor, dancing was a genuine pleasure, and was vigorously enjoyed by all. Lady Plunket received the guests on the dais. All that their Excellencies could do for the entertainment of the assemblage was accomplished in the most charming manner. The Government House suite were also indefatigable in looking after everyone. Supper was served in the dining-room, the tables being very prettily set forth and looking exceedingly well under the shaded lights of several silver candelabra intermingled with silver bowls of tall begonia and crystal vased narcissi.

Lady Plunket was gracefully attired in apricot satin charmeuse, with tunic softly falling to the knees and over a small square train. On the corsage were deftly arranged pipings of black chiffon, gold tissue, and draperies of superb old Brussels lace. A diamond tiara, necklace, and ornaments were worn. Mrs. Waterfield's ivory Duchess was made in Princess effect, and a filmy lace bolero, and the skirt inset with scrolls of the same beautiful lace.

Miss Hill wore a white soule; satin Empire gown, the short bodice and sleeves strapped with tiny bands of gold floral ribbon, gold flet in coiffure. Mrs. Studholme, black silk toilette, draped with black chiffon, ivory Limerick lace decolletage; Mrs. Guy Williams' Empire gown of flame pink satin charmeuse, the short corsage embroidered with silk braid the same shade, was very effective; Mrs. Parkes, effective pink and green floral brocade Empire gown, white chiffon and lace scarf deftly arranged on corsage; Mrs. Colomb was handsomely gowned in white sequined chiffon embellished with pink roses over white satin;

Mrs. A. Clark, mole grey chiffon over cameo pink satin; Mrs. O'Rorke, white Duchess satin, with gold girdle and gold applique decolletage; Mrs. E. Horton, white satin gown, the short corsage beautifully embroidered in silver; Mrs. George Bloomfield wore an effective ivory satin charmeuse Empire gown with bolero embroidered in gold thread; Miss Browning had on a white crepe de chine, with front and back panel of rich Cluny lace, reaching the hem of the Empire train; her sister was pretty in shell pink crystalline; Mrs. Guinness wore a handsome white Irish lace toilette with crimson satin ceinture; Miss Roie Nathan, oyster white satin Directoire gown with decolletage of chiffon deftly draped, white drooping cypress in coiffure; Miss Gwen Nathan was in a lettuce green Orion satin Empire gown, green ribbon threaded in her hair; Miss Holland was attired in delicate pink chiffon glace silk; Miss Esie Holland had turquoise blue chiffon over blue satin, with white Mechlin lace berthe; Mrs. Gorrie, mole grey chiffon over gold tissue underdress; Miss Margaret Tole, white net over glace silk, bolero and deep flounce on skirt of white Cluny lace; Miss B. Tole, white soule satin with white chiffon tunic handsomely embroidered in silk; Miss Towle, sea green crepe de chine, made in Empire effect, cerise velvet threaded in coiffure; Miss K. Devore, cream Oriental lace over silk, Empire girdle caught with pink roses; Miss Ida Thompson, shell pink chiffon taffeta silk Princess robe with rainbow lace decolletage, and large bunch of natural violets; her sister wore Nile green ninon de soie with silver bands; Miss Moss Davis, forget-me-not blue chiffon over satin, made in Princess effect, white lace bolero with bouquet of pink blush roses; Miss Prickett, white chiffon over rose pink silk; Miss Nora Gorrie, buttercup chiffon over silk Empire frock; Miss Rachael Gorrie, white crepe de chine Princess robe with panels and insertions of white Cluny lace; Miss Cole, white Oriental satin; Misses Dyer also wore white satin; Miss Jessie Reid, ivory Duchess satin, the Empire bodice embroidered in pale green silk.

At His Majesty's.

Among the audience at His Majesty's Theatre on Friday evening I noticed his Excellency the Governor, Lord Plunket, and Lady Plunket wearing a white

Duchess satin Empire gown caught with gold butterfly ornaments on corsage, diamond jewellery; Miss Hill was in a black silk and lace toilette, with Venetian lace berthe, and corsage bouquet of damask roses; Mrs. Waterfield wore white charmeuse satin with Mechlin lace decolletage; Mrs. W. J. Napier was in black lace with ecru lace blousette strapped with velvet, violets on corsage; Mrs. Firth, white silk gown, champagne coloured Oriental satin opera coat; Mrs. Ireland, black silk toilette with black and white figured silk entredoux; Miss Ireland also wore black, with a pastel blue cloth coat; Miss Ida Thompson, dainty cream silk with rose velvet contrasted with cameo pink decolletage; her sister was in delicate blue Japanese silk with lace berthe; Miss Scherff, white sun-ray pleated chiffon with cluster of natural violets; Mrs. Gore Gillon, black silk toilette; Mrs. Frater, black silk gown relieved with white silk and lace; Mrs. John Frater, white silk; Miss Gordon, cream silk and lace; Miss Mabel Leys, white silk frock with blue ribbons; Mrs. Sharnan wore a smart black silk evening gown; Mrs. Nicoll, black silk gown with white net tuckler and transparent sleeves; Mrs. James Frater, pastel blue mousseline with Mechlin lace berthe, Royal blue opera cloak; Mrs. Bush, mole grey chiffon voile with cream lace insertions.

At Home.

There was a brilliant gathering of young people last Thursday evening at "Omaha," Mountain-road, Epsom, the picturesque residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Craig, when about 70 young people enjoyed the hospitality of the host and hostess at a delightful dance. A most effective display of lycopodi