

dark skirt; Mrs. H. Fookes, dark blue costume, black hat; Mrs. Harford, violet and black blouse, dark skirt, violet toque; Miss — Abbott, fawn jacket, dark skirt; Miss V. Quilliam, green, with fawn hat; Miss N. Curtis (Wellington), blue and white blouse, navy blue skirt, sailor hat; Mrs. O'win, navy blue coat and skirt; Miss A. Avery, blue velvet blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat; Miss — Fynn, blue and white costume, hat trimmed prettily with pale blue; Mrs W. Freeth, fawn sac jacket, black skirt, amber and black toque; Miss A. Biggs, green blouse, black skirt; Miss McKenzie, black; Misses Humphries (Napier), were studied in navy blue, with Eton jackets; etc., etc.

Last Saturday evening Mrs. Henry Gray gave a most

ENJOYABLE LITTLE EUCHRE PARTY AND DANCE

at her very pretty residence, Caterham Lodge, Mrs. Gray received her guests in the drawing-room, and was ably assisted in entertaining them by her three charming little daughters. Among those present were: Miss Devenish, Misses Stanford (2), Miss G. Shaw, Miss Deacon, Misses Evans (2), Misses Bedford (2), Miss Milward, Mrs. Richmond, Miss Hamerton, Miss O. Baker.

NANCY LEE.

NELSON.

Dear Bee. May 27.

The 24th May was observed here as a holiday in memory of our late beloved Queen. The weather at first was showery, but afterwards a strong south-westerly wind sprang up, which blew the clouds away, but was very cold. A large number of people went to Motueka, where a most successful military display was held, in which many of the Nelson volunteers took part. Other pleasure resorts were fairly well patronised, but to many the day was a sad one. One missed the firing of the Royal salute and general rejoicings that have taken place on this date for so many previous years.

On Thursday evening a very enjoyable little

DANCE

was given for young people by Mrs Booth, at her residence at the Union Bank of Australia. The hostess wore a becoming evening blouse of light blue silk, with chiffon trimmings, trained skirt of grey satin; Miss Booth looked well in a frock of deep yellow, trimmed with lace and narrow black velvet; Miss Hubbard, pretty white evening dress, relieved with green ribbons. Amongst the guests were noticed: Miss Dorothy Bell, pretty gown of pale blue silk, trimmed with chiffon; Miss C. Edwards, soft white silk; Miss Ellis looked well in pink, with lace fichu; her sister wore green, trimmed with cream lace; Miss Phyllis Fell, buttercup silk; Miss Fell (Paton), white muslin and lace; Miss Mabel Glasgow, smart evening dress of blue silk, relieved with white lace; Miss Vera Leggett, soft white silk, with touch of sapphire blue velvet on bodice; Miss E. Ledger, pale green silk; Miss Joy Ledger, white silk and lace; Miss Midge Mackay, pink evening dress; Miss Maginnity, bright pink, with white lace trimmings; Miss Raine, blue silk; Miss E. Sealy, white muslin and lace; Miss Tomlinson, white muslin, relieved with pink; Miss Trent, white silk with trimmings of pink chiffon; Miss Willis (Wellington) pink and white muslin; Miss M. Robinson wore yellow, relieved with black velvet. Others present were Messrs Adams (2), Blundell, Edwards, Fell, Hursthouse, Houlker (2), Haytor, Moore (2), Presslaw, Robinson, Rowley, Selanders (2), Tomlinson, etc.

PHYLLIS.

The Pistol and the Bottle.

The man who has once driven a burglar out of his house with a pistol is likely to keep the weapon handy by for use in the future.

On a similar principle Mrs Elizabeth Langmaid is never without a bottle of Mother Seigel's Syrup where she can lay hands on it any day.

About four years ago she was taken bad with what was called "a complication of complaints." The doctor said she had an abscess on one of her lungs, and also indigestion and heart troubles.

And, seeing how she looked and felt, we should have believed him without a moment's hesitation.

"You can get an idea," she says, "how bad I was when I tell you I lay helpless in bed nearly nine months."

(That does give us the idea and no mistake. Save for the hope of recovery—which seldom quite perishes in the mind—I would as lief be dead, and so have the trouble over and done with.)

"Finally," Mrs Langmaid goes on to say, "when I got out of bed, all of me that could waste away was gone. I was just a skeleton covered by a skin. In truth they wrapped me in wadding—for appearance and for such comfort and warmth as the protection might give me.

"Whatever my complaint was I always had a dreadful pain in my sides and under the shoulder-blades; but the medicines I took had no more effect on it than so much sweetened water would have had.

"While in this miserable condition, I remembered how different friends of mine had spoken of the virtues of Seigel's Syrup for many kinds of ailments that nothing else seemed able to help.

"Anyway I was sure it would be no mistake to try it, and so I got a bottle from Campbell and Co's store in this town. Up to that time I always had a great feeling of weakness and drowsiness after eating, and could not shake it off.

"But to my delight I soon discovered that a dose of the Syrup dispelled this almost immediately, and by the time I had finished the first bottle I was greatly improved.

"As you would suppose, I persevered in taking the remedy until by degrees I got strong again. Gradually, too, I picked up my lost flesh, and recovered my former good health.

"Ever since then I keep a bottle of Seigel's Syrup in the house, and take a dose whenever I feel out of sorts in any way.

"You may publish this if you like, and I shall always be glad to hear of Seigel's Syrup doing for others what it did for me." Elizabeth Langmaid, Market-street, Muswellbrook, N.S.W., Sept. 26th, 1899.

Exchange Notes.

Business continues quiet on 'change.

Standard stocks maintain their value, but few transactions take place.

Outside of Obinemuri companies mining stocks were neglected.

South British insurance shares are wanted at 79/ and Standards at 17/3. N.Z. and River Plate shares firmed this week.

May Queen shares keep changing hands at about 6/1 and 6/4 per share. Hauraki Freeholds have also sold at 7/.

The Conciliation Board is still dealing with the miners' dispute.

Another parcel of ore from West Tokatea mine has yielded satisfactorily 24 tons producing bullion, worth £224 5/4.

Forfeited shares in the Waihi Consols Company are to be offered to existing shareholders at one penny per share.

Kumata Reefs changed hands at 2/8.

Sales of Waihi shares took place this week at £9, with further buyers at £8 15/.

Welcome Jack shares firmed a little and sales were made at 10/4 and 11/4, but they soon declined again.

Obinemuri Syndicate and Rising Sun shares both had steady buyers at low rates during the past week; but the offers were not accepted.

The Waihi Consols Company's bore is now down 470 feet.

Strong dabs of gold were seen when breaking down the general ore in the stopes on the leader in the New Whau mine, Thames.

N.Z. Crown shares are in request at 12/2.

Barrier Reef shares firmed a little this week, sales being made at 3/4.

Union Waihi Company's returns continue to show slight improvement. This month 1452 tons of ore yielded bullion worth £2424.

The Royal Oak Company obtained £761 2/ from one ton of ore and 194 lbs of picked stone.

The Hauraki return was £350 14/9 this month from 100 tons of ore treated.

Waikauri Gold Mining shares changed hands at 12/6 and 12/3.

Tributers in the Nonpareil mine, Thames, crushed 10 loads of ore for a return worth £72 10/9.

Mr Louis Woodcock, the owner of the Hundsworth mine, Kuaotunu, has completed a crushing at his battery for the satisfactory yield of £182 2/.

Four-in-Hand return was again a good one this month, 85 tons yielding £514 11/.

Work has been resumed at the Hauraki Mines, Limited, property, late Hauraki Associated, Coromandel.

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John Bunyan in his prison cell. On Pilgrim's Progress loved to dwell, And nearly all that startling tale He wrote while pining in a goal. His work lives, on though John succumbed, No doubt the damp his limbs had numbed, And gave him cold; his death that's sure, He'd not got Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

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