

# Orange Blossoms.

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### WATSON—BROWNING.

ONE of the smartest and quite the prettiest wedding for many years past was that of Miss Lulu Browning, younger daughter of Mrs. Robert Browning, Arney Road, Remuera, and Mr. W. Watson, eldest son of Mr. W. Watson, Bank of New Zealand (late general manager and now director). The choral ceremony was celebrated by Rev. W. Beatty at St. Mark's Church, Remuera, on Saturday, 3rd December. The church made a beautiful picture, with the soft tones of the brown wood, decorated with pure white Christmas lilies tied with white satin streamers and ferns. Almost all of the seats were reserved for the large number of invited guests. Silver printed copies of the hymns were placed for each guest. The churchyard and roadway were thronged with interested spectators and carriages and motors; in fact, the trams were held up for some time, so great was the crush. At last the bride arrived, looking lovely, on the arm of her uncle, Mr. H. Gorrie. She entered the church, followed by two sweet children, dressed in dainty cherry-ripe frocks and caps, and then came the five bridesmaids, who were a perfect harmony in pink. The bride's robe was very charming, made with Grecian simplicity, and long graceful lines. The robe was of white satin charmeuse entirely covered with silk nimon. The front of the skirt was arranged with a front panel, bordered on either side with a tuck of satin, beyond which was a line of crystal bead embroidery in a square design. Around the bottom of the train was a wide founce of rose-point, which tapered away, meeting the satin bands at the side. The bodice had a Magyar effect of nimon, with folded bands of charmeuse crossing in front, and fastening at the back, and a narrow, low-neck yoke of Brussels lace. A most fascinating cap of the same lace was worn, wreathed with orange blossom, from which the veil hung. Dainty silk mittens and a bouquet of white roses completed a charming toilette.

The bride was attended by seven bridesmaids, Miss Maud Browning (sister of the bride) being the maid of honour; Miss Watson (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Rachel Gorrie (cousin of the bride), Miss Una Buddle, Miss A. Carr, and two dainty little tots, Judy McCaw (cousin of the bride), and Margot Bloomfield. The five maids made a charming picture in the palest pink charmeuse satin, veiled with a paler shade of pink nimon to the knees, with a broad piping, finished with plain band of charmeuse, soft lace yokes, and the sleeves finished in the same way. Very smart hats of putty coloured chip, with bands of pink velvet, which were taken under the brim, and beautiful snowy white plumes placed high at one side, lovely bouquets of shaded pink roses, pink satin shoes, and silk stockings, which perfectly matched the frocks, completed the charming colour scheme. The children were dressed in the daintiest of white frocks, with lovely pink sashes, and cute little caps, with pink ribbons round them, and posies of pink sweet peas. Mrs. Ernest Bloomfield was the matron of honour, and wore a frock of a lovely shade of pink that was almost vieux rose, with a toque of tulle in the same tone, and carried a beautiful bouquet of shaded pink flowers, which was the gift of the bride. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. D. Kettle as best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a lovely pendant of three large pearls, surrounded by diamonds; the bride also wore a lovely diamond ring (a gift from her mother). The bridesmaids received most charming necklets of fine platinum chains, studded with pink quartz.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother. The weather, which had been wretched all the morning, had changed into a perfect afternoon, and the flowers in the garden looked lovely

after the rain. I have never seen so many people together in Auckland look so nice. Nearly every frock was at least pretty, and most of them were beautiful. Mrs. Browning received her guests just within the doorway, and she looked especially nice in a vieux rose silk veiled with black nimon, a large shade mauve hat, and carried a bouquet of shaded vieux rose flowers. We then passed on to the drawing-room, where the bride and bridegroom, looking radiant, surrounded by their attendants, received the congratulations of their friends, who then passed on to the verandahs and lawns. The wedding group was then taken for the "Graphic" amidst a lot of fun and laughter. Then we wended our way to a large marquee erected at the end of the lawn, where the wedding repast was laid. There was one long table, on which stood a wedding cake of noble proportions, and small tables were scattered about. The decorations were shaded pink peas in silver vases. There were no speeches. Cheers were given for the bridal pair and for Mrs. Browning. The Bavarian Band played delightful selections during the afternoon. The cutting of the wedding cake was quite an undertaking, but the bride entered into the fun of it with great zest, assisted by the bridegroom. The lovely display of wedding presents was much admired. The bridesmaids carried round baskets of pink paper rose leaves to the guests, who all armed themselves with handfans, and when the bridal pair at last arrived they were literally covered with them. It made such a lovely picture, and away they drove in a grey car to the strains of the "Wedding March" played by the band and the good wishes of everyone. The bride went away in a smart cream linen Russian suit and a lovely pink tagel straw hat with an upstanding bow of soft pink charmeuse.

Mrs. Watson (mother of the bridegroom) wore a lovely shaded amethyst toilette, with toque to match, and a pretty bouquet; Miss B. Watson, white embroidered muslin, cream hat with shaded pink roses; Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield wore a smart frock of Royal blue nimon, with silver stripe over pale blue charmeuse, a most becoming hat of pale blue, with mole coloured feather tips and silver gauze, long mole suede gloves and shoes; Mrs. George Bloomfield wore a lovely little frock of white nimon over palest pink charmeuse, a large mole hat with pink feathers, and mole coloured shoes; Mrs. Archie Clark wore a charming frock of gold gauze veiled with black nimon, and a hat to match; Mrs. W. Colbeck wore a lovely platinum coloured frock of crystalline, and a much admired black hat with vieux rose mount; Mrs. Harry Bloomfield wore a sweet little blue nimon over white, and lovely embroidery veiled with nimon, and a most becoming hat to match; Mrs. Duthie wore a dainty amethyst tucked chiffon over pale mauve floral chiffon, and a smart hat massed with violets; Mrs. Rathbone wore black charmeuse, and a large black hat; Mrs. Lucas Bloomfield; Mrs. E. Horton, a natter blue frock, and large black hat; Mrs. Howard Richmond wore a dainty white nimon frock, with a little fine lace, and a pretty pink rose wreathed hat; Mrs. McCosh Clark wore a handsome black toilette; Mrs. T. Cotter looked well in a lovely black lace over white silk, a black toque, and white ostrich feather bon; Miss Millie Cotter, in a dainty white chiffon, with natter blue feathered hat, with bow to match; Mrs. P. Dignan, in a pretty shot green, and purple frock with toque to match; Mrs. Rankin Reed, pale grey chiffon taffeta, with pretty touches of tangerine yellow, with hat to match; Mrs. Miles (Wellington), handsome violet and gold toilette; Miss Miles, hieut coloured voile, with amethyst lace scarf and large black hat; Mrs. Carr, a lovely black frock, and toque with bouquet of sweet peas; Mrs. Arthur Myers, a floral chiffon frock and a large black and white hat; Miss Levi (London), lovely cream lace frock and pretty hat; Mrs. Lea, Myers wore a lovely grey toilette, the frock was of soft clinging material, with lace and embroidery the exact shade, a large grey hat, with upstanding feathers; Mrs. C. Buddle wore

a pretty frock of palest blue with shoes to match, and a white hat draped with lace, and a bouquet of pink sweet pea; Mrs. E. Firth wore rather a bright shade of blue Oriental satin, with a fringed-edged tunic, and a large black hat; Mrs. McLoughlin, reseda green chiffon taffeta, and a becoming black hat; Mrs. H. Tonks wore a fullard skirt, with tones of pink and a tunic draping of blue charmeuse, with a pretty hat; Mrs. Foster wore amethyst-crystalline over charmeuse, with handsome gold embroidery and a black hat; Mrs. E. Anderson wore a very smart blue frock, a large black hat, and a bouquet of palest mauve sweet pea; Miss Ivy Buddle wore cream net and lace, and a smart vivid green hat; Miss Isobel Clark looked lovely in an exquisite white embroidered French lawn, worn over palest pink nimon, and some fine crochet lace on it, a pretty hat lined with black net and lovely pink roses on it; Miss Hilda Bloomfield was looking her best in a lovely lace-inserted muslin Princess frock, with a bunch of pink roses on the corsage, a most becoming mushroom hat of pink floral silk wreathed with pink roses; Miss Ida Thompson was another charming looking girl in reseda green net over pale blue chiffon, and a large black hat; Miss Jessie Reid wore a pretty frock of blue and a very smart grey chip hat covered with grey nimon, and a large grey charmeuse bow; Miss Cooper, vieux rose fullard, with white spot, a leghorn hat with shaded stocks, and a bouquet of stocks tied with pink satin. There were several beautiful pale grey frocks, notably those worn by Mrs. Elliott, Miss Alice Walker, Mrs. Porter. The Misses Towle were dainty, one in pink and white; Miss Nora Gorrie wore a beautiful maize charmeuse with handsome lace, a maize tagel straw hat with bright feather to match; Miss Gwen Gorrie, a pretty white lace and embroidery frock and a smart black hat lined with pale blue; Miss Ruth Buckland looked dainty in a pretty white frock and becoming hat; Miss Hazel Buckland, white embroidered muslin, shaded amethyst hat; Mrs. W. Coleman wore a handsome cream toilette with touches of black; Miss Ruby Coleman looked very pretty in a lace-inserted muslin over pale pink, and a pretty rose-wreathed hat with pink satin ribbon; Miss Dolly Scherff looked pretty in white; Miss Mary Foster wore such a dainty frock of pale pink nimon over white, and a large black hat. Other guests were: Lady Lockhart, Mrs. Aldridge, Mrs. Towle, Mrs. Pierce and Miss E. Pierce, Mrs. Payton and Miss Payton, Mrs. Copeland-Savage, Mrs. and Miss Dargaville, Mr. and Mrs. David Nathan, Misses Gorrie (2), Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nathan, Mrs. Grierson, Mr. and Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Ching, Mr. and Mrs. Aickin Carrick, Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell, Mrs. and Miss Barstow, Mrs. and Miss M. Buller, Professor Brown, Misses Brown (2), Mr. and Mrs. Ransen, Miss De Camp, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kissing, Mr. and Mrs. Gutheridge, Mrs. Markham, Mr. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney, Miss Peacock. It was quite a treat to see such a number of men "frock-coated" and "high-batted," among whom were Mr. W. Watson (Wellington), Dr. McDowell, Dr. Milson, Messrs. Bloomfield (3), Colbeck, Ware, Anderson, H. Richmond, A. Reid, L. Myers Arthur Myers, Judge Kettle, Messrs. Rathbone E. Russell, H. Cotter.

### HUNT—NUTSEY.

The marriage took place at St. John the Baptist's Church, Northcote, on Wednesday afternoon, of Mr. R. Gordon Hunt, eldest son of Mr. H. H. Hunt, of Northcote, and a partner in the firm of Messrs. T. H. Hall and Co., and Miss Alice Nutsey, youngest daughter of the late Mr. J. Nutsey, of Northcote. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the service was choral, Mrs. F. A. Smith presiding at the organ. The Rev. F. A. Smith officiated. The bride was given away by Mr. Geo. Fraser, the bridesmaid being Miss Nutsey, the bride's sister, and the groomsmen Mr. B. Hunt.

### VENNING—TAYLOR.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. John's Church, Parnell, on Thursday, November 24th, when Miss Constance (Cossie) Taylor, only daughter of Mr. T. M. Taylor, late Receiver of Land Revenue, Auckland, was married to Mr. Frank T. Venning, seventh son of Mr. John Venning of Timaru. The bride, who was given away by her

father, looked charming in a gown of crepe nimon over white satin, handsomely trimmed with point lace. She wore a lovely bridal veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful bouquet. Miss Daphna Cobourne was bridesmaid, and wore a pretty, white dress with lace trimmings and pink daisies. She wore a gold chain and pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Clarence Cobourne was best man. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Father Venning, S.M., and the Rev. Father Patterson presided at the organ. On leaving the church, the happy couple were deluged with a shower of rose-leaves. The wedding breakfast took place at the residence of the bride's parents, "Muriwai," Stratford-street, Parnell.

The bride's travelling-dress was a very stylish vieux rose costume with hat to match. They left for Te Aroha, where the honeymoon is to be spent, and then they proceed to Wellington, where their future home is to be.

### GRAHAM—MILLS.

At the Methodist Church, Dannevirke, on November 30, Mr. John Graham (youngest son of Mr. Henry Graham, of Dannevirke), was married to Miss L. Mills (third daughter of Mrs. Mills, of Dannevirke). The bridesmaids were Misses Gifford (of Napier), Miss Topsy Mills and little Misses Dummage and Alan. Mr. R. Dummage, cousin of the bridegroom, acted as best man. Mr. R. Mills, the bride's brother, was groomsmen. The Rev. W. J. Griffin officiated.

### Problems of To-day.

"Millions of people are running wildly, to catch a ball, lifting weights in full-est perspiration, trotting with gasping breath, and doing a hundred other useless stunts simply because a meaningless fashion has cruelly thrown them into such a habit," complains Count Mustenberg in his book "Problems of To-day." To wander through the country on a fine day is, he continues, a beautiful inspiration, and healthful for everyone; to need the walk with mechanical regularity is the product of a bad training, and to become the slave of Swedish gymnastic apparatus is no better than slavery to cigars. Of course, for certain purposes it is desirable to develop the muscular forces of the body; then the physical exercise becomes labour. That is an entirely different thing. For certain other, especially educational, purposes, it is most desirable to have sport and competitive athletics; then the physical effort becomes pleasure and play. But as mere exercise and restoration, it is needless in moderation and harmful in strong doses, and the necessity only results from the long training in it. For a long time the pedagogues even believed that muscular effort was the best recreation after the intellectual work of the school child. Nowadays we know that the opposite is true. Physical exercise demands the energies of the same brain which learns the school lesson, and the fatigued brain becomes still more strained if its energies are tapped for new activity. There is only one source of restitution of used-up brain energy, and that is rest, sleep, fresh air, and good nourishment. There is the exaggeration of the enthusiast in this, but is there not also more than a little common sense truth?



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### MARRIAGE.

VENNING—TAYLOR.—On 24th November, 1910, by the Rev. Father C. J. Venning, S.M., in St. John's Church, Parnell, Francis Thomas, seventh son of Mr. and Mrs. John Venning of Timaru, to Helen Constance (Cossie), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Taylor, of Parnell, and granddaughter of the late Mr. John Taylor, Railway Department, Auckland.

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