

after night the house has been crowded. Two policemen do their best to marshal the queue every evening, and by eight o'clock there is not a spare seat in the house. This time Dolores is singing dramatic and operatic arias a good deal, but there are a few of her admirers who long to hear more of the devotional music—the ballads with which she used to enchant her hearers on previous visits. Mlle. Dolores and her friend are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Prouse at "Cricklewood." Among the audiences have been Mrs. Prouse, wearing oyster brocade and an embroidered coat; Mrs. Miles, in amethyst charmeuse, embroidered in sequins; Miss Miles, palest pink crepe de chine and scarf of lace; Mrs. Findlay, black satin, embroidered in jet; Miss Simpson, pale blue ninon; Mrs. Fisher, ivory crepe de chine with crystal fringe; Mrs. Macarthy, royal blue satin with an overdress of emerald green ninon; Mrs. Young, black satin with jet embroideries; Mrs. Embling, black satin and lace; Miss Lloyd Hassell, black charmeuse and green burnous; Mrs. Tweed, black and white messaline; Miss Tweed, white satin and ninon; Mrs. Kane, sage blue ninon with dull silver embroideries; Miss Brandon, white chiffon taffetas with a ninon tunic; Miss Ward, ivory colienne; Miss Fulton, a Princess dress of lace and net; Miss Kennedy, white colienne and lace; Miss Stafford, pale blue ninon and satin; Mrs. Macarthur, black lace over ivory silk; Mrs. Chaytor, black crepe de chine and embroidered burnous of ivory silk and fringe; Miss Richmond, black satin and jet.

The first of a series of Chamber Concerts, got up by Miss B. Richmond, Miss M. Donaldson and Mr. F. Johnstone, was given this week. The programme was an excellent one, and the audience, though not large, was very appreciative. Miss Richmond wore black crepe de chine with a guimpe and sleeves of ivory tulle; Miss May Donaldson was in ivory satin with tiny sequins. In the audience were: Mrs. and Miss Richmond, Mrs. and Miss Atkinson, Miss Hursthouse, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. David Findlay and Miss Joseph.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Grey was hostess at a very pleasant little tea on Monday morning for Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Bristow. Mrs.

Grey wore a white embroidered Shantung and a black toque with white wings. Mrs. Anderson, who has returned to Christchurch, en route to England, was in a mauve Paisley foulard and a purple hat; Mrs. Bristow, navy coat and skirt, black and pink hat; Miss Bristow, grey frieze and grey hat with wings; her sister was in reseda cloth and a hat of the same shade. One day last week Mrs. and the Misses Webster gave a most enjoyable little tea for the Misses Watson.

A Farewell Tea.

On Friday a farewell tea was given by Mrs. Knox, in honour of Mrs. Harrison, who is off to England shortly for the Coronation. Mrs. Harrison, by the way, was in London for the Coronation of King Edward nine years ago. At Mrs. Knox's tea, the hostess wore black and white striped ninon with entre deux of lace; her daughter had on a lingerie robe of white with touches of palest blue; Mrs. Harrison was in black ninon with a black picture hat. Two other guests of honour were Mrs. Bristow (who was wearing a navy serge tailor-made with a blue hat) and Miss Bristow (who was in an ivory cloth tailor-made and hat with flowers). Mauve asters and sweet peas decorated the tea-table, and asters of marmonising shades were placed about the diningroom. Among the guests were: Mrs. Reed, in shot green ninon, with a purple scarf and a toque of the same shade; Miss Reid, white muslin and lace, and hat with roses; Mrs. Stafford, green Shantung, braided in black, black hat; Mrs. Ward, blue Shantung, black plumed hat; Mrs. Blundell, violet cloth coat and skirt and white hat.

That same day, Mrs. and Miss Bristow were entertained at morning tea by Mrs. Ward. Sweet peas and bronze birch were combined for the floral decorations with delightful effect.

Mrs. Stafford's Tea.

Mrs. Stafford's tea on Monday was in honour of Mrs. Anderson, a visitor from Christchurch. During the afternoon Mrs. Fisher sang delightfully, as did also Dr. Platts-Mills, and Mrs. Malcolm Ross recited. Bowls of tiger lilies decorated the pretty drawingroom, and

the tea tables were done with sweet peas and asters. Mrs. Stafford wore black charmeuse with an overdress of ninon and a guimpe of Irish lace; Miss Stafford, faince blue Shantung, with delicately tinted embroideries; Miss E. Stafford, a lingerie robe of lawn and lace; Mrs. Anderson wore a reseda foulard dress with a guimpe of lace and a teal hat.

The "Harem" Skirt.

The announcement that the new "Harem" skirt would be on view in a D.I.C. window led to a big crowd—mostly composed of men—appearing in front of the building at the appointed time. What women there were hastily scattered before the masculine onslaught, and stood about disappointed until a good deal later on, when it was rumoured that the lady was walking about inside. So she was, and there one could get an excellent view of the new costume, because mankind was a little unwilling to venture into the shop, and preferred to scuffle madly on the pavement before the window, where the lady appeared at intervals. So great was the crowd that an extra force of police was sent for, and had a busy time for a couple of hours. The "Harem" lady was attired in pale mole-coloured cloth, the very long coat being slightly draped, the revers outlined with pale blue and mole-coloured galon. The "trousers" were most inconspicuous, and only showed a few inches below the long coat, which they matched in colour. They were closely drawn in at the ankle, and a smart pair of buckled shoes were very much in evidence. With the costume was worn a pale mole-coloured hat with an upstanding pallisade of wings and a wreath of dull silver roses, the whole being draped in mole ninon, which obscured the wearers features.

An Enjoyable Tea.

The Misses Watson were the principal guests at a tea given by Mrs. and Miss Fulton, and they received many good wishes for a delightful trip. The table was decorated with orange and yellow gaillardias and autumn foliage interspersed with feathery grasses. Mrs. Fulton wore black ninon over Royal blue satin with appliques of black lace; Miss Fulton, a floral ninon with a lace guimpe and a soupcon of reseda silk; Miss Wat-

son was in mauve cloth, and a black hat, the lace frill punctuated here and there with posies of pink rosebuds; Miss Bell Watson, grey coat and skirt, and hat wreathed with roses; Mrs. Blundell, a navy Shantung coat and skirt, black hat; Miss Haybittle, blue tailor-made and hat with roses; Mrs. Gillon, a linen tailor-made with broderie revers, black and white hat; Miss Simpson, sage blue Shantung, and blue hat of the same shade; Miss Miles, vieux rose frieze and teal hat with wings; Miss Stafford, blue Shantung and blue and mauve hat; Mrs. G. Fulton, blue tailor-made and hat with wings; Mrs. Nelson, blue coat and skirt, and hat wreathed with roses.

Personal.

Mrs. H. D. Crawford and her son were passengers to England by the Corinthian. Mrs. H. D. Bell and the Misses Bell left for Sydney, en route to England, on Friday. Mrs. Bristow and her daughters left by the same steamer.

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March 25.

Theatre Party.

Last week Miss Beale gave a most enjoyable theatre party, at which there were about twenty young people present. Miss Beale was wearing a pretty white embroidered muslin dress, and white and blue theatre coat, and a snood of white ribbon in her coiffure; Miss Richardson, black chiffon taffeta gown, and white gauze shoulder scarf; the Misses Roberts were wearing white muslin frocks and white theatre coats; Miss Middleton, white muslin; Miss Willis, white silk blouse, and white skirt; Mrs. Norman Banks, white silk; Miss Wells, black chiffon taffeta frock; Miss Myra Taylor, white muslin frock; Miss H. Wells, black marquise gown over black palette, trimmed with handsome lace. The men present were: Messrs N. Banks, M. Wells, C. McBride, J. Banks, Innes Taylor, A. Richardson, K. Browne, N. Thompson, A. Willis, F. Reynolds.

Polo Tournament.

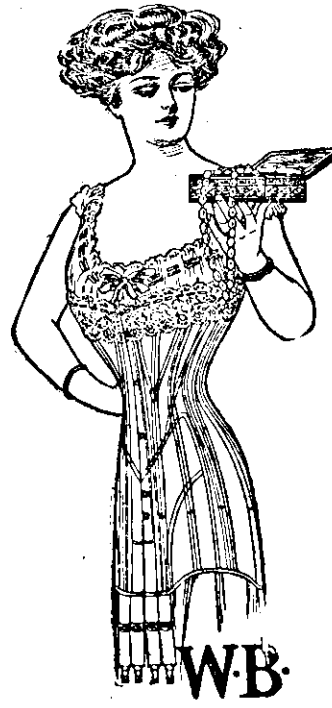
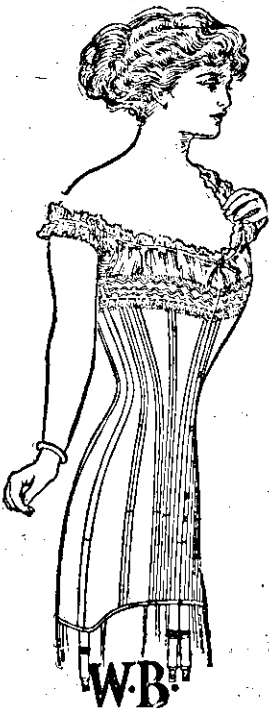
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