

A City of Skyscrapers.

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(4) The bay and the two rivers will be visible only from offices in the loftiest buildings and from those near the water-side, for the water-front skyscrapers will go as high as any. The skyline will not materially change from its present ragged silhouette. The relative proportion of very high towers will probably not increase.

(5) The city will be a conglomerate mass of the finest architecture in the world—most of it calling for open spaces to disclose its beauty—all piled together without any comprehensive plan. In no other place of equal area will be found so much expensive architecture, yet every new builder will be subordinating the work of his neighbours instead of using it to increase the effect of his own.

This is not prophecy. This is what is happening every working day. And it does not seem to occur to the builders that the greatest city on the continent ought to have some plan of co-ordination, of conservation, and of protection against the aggressive and the mean.

LIFE IN THE GARDEN.

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Prune back all the unbenign growths to about a foot from the ground-line, discard every thin, weedy shoot, and tie the rest. The growths can even be taken horizontally along a footpath, twisted one round the other, or be arranged in any form that suggests itself. The main point is to get them off the perpendicular and to break the sap-flow, so as to get the best results from the spring blooming. Hybrid perpetuals so treated should have all the bent canes removed as soon as the flowers have fallen. This action will give the plants a chance of turning their attention to the production of other canes for the following season.

Roses like Belle Siebrecht, Frau Karl, or any of the climbers need not be storn of the bent-down shoots. Shorten back the lateral growths that carried the flowers to within two or three "eyes" of the main stem, and by so doing get another crop of blooms.

THE RAMBLER CLASS.

Roses, like Dorothy Perkins, Crimson Rambler, and Lady Gay, which is thought to be an improved Perkins, require special handling. Cut the new wood not at all. Leave it quite alone. It is from last year's canes that we get this year's flowers. So every "eye" you take away leaves you one cluster of blossoms short. Cut out any pieces of dead or yellowing wood, but leave all the rest. Content yourself with arranging the new growths as near horizontal as you can get them; tie in all rampant growths, and make matters as snug as you can, to hold the plant in position against any storm that comes between this and the flowering time. If you have not included Dorothy Perkins, Lady Gay or White Dorothy in your rose selection, do so without delay, as these charming ramblers are quite indispensable. For cold country as well as along the coast-line they are particularly good.

PRUNING FOR SANDY SOIL GROWN ROSES.

Generally the rose does not grow as vigorously in light as in moderately heavy country. For this reason we advise a lighter all-round pruning for those who garden in sandy places. If you know the growth is good and sure, cut hard. While there is any doubt, withhold the knife and be more lenient, for your plants, as a rule, do not grow like ours that are rooted in heavy land. Some of the varieties, of course, differ from the majority, and make big stems in a short time. These you will cut as hard as if they were in better country. All through the pruning use your eyes. Any plant that is doing well will stand pruning; those that are weedy should be dug up for burning.

DEATH.

ROBINSON. On September 10th, 1911, at his late residence, Weymouth, Manurewa, Henry Lyman, the dearly beloved husband of Kathleen Robinson late of Whangapu, Manukau Road, aged 71 years. Private interment.

Society Gossip.

Special to the "Graphic."

NOTICE TO OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor desires to draw the attention of occasional contributors of any items to the Society Gossip columns that name and address must be given with copy, otherwise any such communication cannot be recognised.

All copy intended for publication in these columns must reach the office not later than Saturday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

AUCKLAND.

Sept. 18.

On the Links.

A LARGE number of spectators journeyed out to the Middlemore Park golf links on Friday to watch the finals of the senior and junior championships. There was a nasty wind blowing across the links, but as everyone had come prepared for rough weather, the most of them trudged round after the players with the greatest interest. Miss Gwen Gorrie defeated Miss Mudge McLean, and Miss Nellie Upton defeated Miss Hilda Bloomfield. Great interest was taken in this last match. This was the first year that a junior championship was held but out of consideration for the

untried nerves of the junior players, most people kept well away until the senior match reached the stage of Miss Gorrie being dormy 7, then the crowd followed the other match. Everyone was glad to get inside the cosy clubhouse, and have tea, which was laid in the men's club room. After this the guests went into the ladies' room and inspected the prizes. Miss Henderson, secretary, opened the proceedings by thanking the ladies who had so kindly donated prizes. Mrs. E. D. O'Rourke presented the junior cup, Mrs. Pierce the senior bogey, and Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield the senior medal. Mrs. R. A. Carr (vice-president), presented the prizes to the lucky winners, who were each applauded as they came up to receive them. After this a great surprise was sprung upon the secretary, Miss A. Henderson, when Mrs. Carr said she had got another presentation to make, and that was to the secretary, as a token of the appreciation of the good work she had done during her term of office. Loud cheers were given at this announcement, and a handsome silver ink pot, greenstone and silver pen, and a silver-mounted pen-wiper were handed to Miss Henderson, who was quite overcome, but managed to say how pleased she was. Cheers were given for the captain, Mrs. O'Rourke, and the proceedings were at an end. The prize winners were: — Misses G. Gorrie, M. McLean (2), N. Upton (2), Hilda Bloomfield, M. Towle, M. Hesketh G. and A. Henderson, Col. Gorrie, Mrs. J. Ferguson and Mrs. W. Colbeck, and Miss J. Richmond. Among those present I noticed Mrs. Walter Johnson, Mrs. T. Catter, Mrs. J. Reid, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Milnes, Mrs. L. Andrews, Mrs. W. Williams, Mrs. H. Tonks, Mrs. Colbeck, Mrs. Lucas Blomfield, Mrs. Drummond Ferguson, Mrs. Henderson, Misses Catter (2), Miss Jessie Reid, Miss Hamlin (Napier), Miss Ledger Nelson, Misses Towle (3), Miss Ethna Pierce, Miss K. Willis (Cambridge), Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Murphy (Paeroa), Miss Dunster, Misses Frater, Reed, Geddes (2), M. Rice, M. Cameron, A. Carr, Mrs. Howard Richmond, Mrs. Edmunds, Mrs. E. Horton, Misses S. Payton, D. Nathan, R. Greig, R. Coleman, Mrs. Felix Kelly, Mrs. J. B. Macfarlane, Miss Rennie, Mrs. McCormick, Miss Jean Richmond, Miss E. Connors, Mrs. T. Cummings, Miss Shuteleworth, Mrs. Ware, Misses Draper, D. Stevenson, Thorpe and many others.

ENGAGEMENTS.

No notice of Engagements or Marriages can be inserted unless Signed by Our Own Correspondent or by some responsible person with Full Name and Address.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ruth Stott, third daughter of Mr C. H. Stott, Waitara, to Mr Rowland Phillip Hill, youngest son of Mr Henry P. Hill, Christchurch.

The engagement is announced of Miss Nellie Macey, sixth daughter of Mr W. Macey, Havelock, to Mr J. J. Rodgers, son of Captain Rodgers, Upper Hut.

The engagement is announced of Miss Kathleen L. Willis, fourth daughter of Archelaon Willis, of Cambridge, to the Rev. Francis G. Harvie, who is at present temporarily in charge of St. Luke's Church, Mt. Albert, Auckland.

A BEAUTIFUL COMPLEXION.

A clear healthy skin and a beautiful complexion are attractions which no woman can afford to despise. The woman who is beautiful can influence the world around her. True beauty lies in a beautiful complexion. No one whose skin is disfigured with blotches, pimples, freckles, or sunburn, can lay claim to beauty. If your complexion has gone from you through neglect or maltreatment, Valaze, that inimitable skin food and beautifier, will of a certainty restore to the skin that defecay of colouring and of purity which you have lost. Within a fortnight to a month of the first application of Valaze, it will carry clearness, brilliancy and beauty to the complexion that has lost all claim to the name. Valaze, in jars, 4/ and 7/.

Another blemish which so often mars an otherwise beautiful skin, is blackheads. These may be thoroughly routed and banished by the use of the Valaze Blackhead and Open Pore Cure, which cleanses the pores of all impurities, dispels blackheads, closes the pores, and refines the skin's texture. 2/6.

Of all the disfigurements which befall womanhood, the growth of superfluous hairs is the most dreaded. Hence the number of useless and dangerous so-called hair-killers on the market. Unique among all advertised depilatories stands the Novena Hair Destroyer. It removes the hairs instantly without any detriment to the complexion. After application the Novena leaves a delightfully cool sensation, which is so different from the usual effect of other depilatories; 5/6.

All leading chemists, or direct, post free, from Valaze Depot, City Chambers, Queen-street, Auckland; or Mrs. Helena Rubenstein, Maison Valaze, Brandon-street, Wellington.

hat wreathed with pink roses and two smart lace feathers, and a bouquet of violets completed her toilette; Mrs. Holland (grandmother of the bride) wore a rich black silk with a lace mantle and a black bonnet wreathed with pink flowers; Mrs. Woodward (mother of the bridegroom) wore a black silk toilette, a black boue with a touch of white in it, and a pretty white lace shoulder scarf; Mrs. —, Holland wore ivory net, embroidered with J. Hughling Jackson, natter blue and hat, and carried a lovely bouquet; Miss Holland wore pink cloth, inset with pretty white embroidered lace, a black hat with spray of lovely shaded roses; Miss Effie Holland wore a pretty white frock, a pale blue hat lined with white lace; Miss —, Woodward looked charming in pale grey ninon over charmeuse, and a grey hat with bunches of primrose, and lined with black ninon; a posy of primroses completed a pretty toilette; Mrs. Luster (aunt of the bride) wore vieux rose voile with a satin stripe, and a black hat; Dr. Horsley wore a pretty grey frock and a smart hat; Mrs. Thornton Jackson wore a grey velvet and a white straw hat lined with black and black feathers; Mrs. J. Hughling Jackson, natter blue and white spotted ninon over pale blue silk, and a smart black hat trimmed with coronation blue velvet; Mrs. Lindsay, black silk, with square yoke of white lace, and touches of pale blue silk, a vieux rose floral toque; Mrs. P. Olliphant, black moire poplin coat and skirt, black hat with white plumes; Mrs. Milnes, smart brown velvet coat and skirt, brown beaver and velvet hat; Mrs. Oxley, pale heliotrope cloth coat and skirt, and a black hat turned off the face; Mrs. Knight, black moire frock, with rich embroideries on it, and a smart black and white toque; Mrs. Smetton, black silk, with handsome embroidered trimming, a smart black velvet toque with black plumes, and a pretty grey feather and ninon scarf; Mrs. Hugh Keith, ravenswing blue velvet frock, black hat with bright blue wings; Madam Chambers, dark green taffeta silk frock, with gold embroidery trimmings, and a wine-coloured toque; Mrs. J. J. Craig wore a handsome black and white toilette of black striped ninon over white silk, and a black and white toque; Miss Craig, white embroidered ninon over charmeuse, white charmeuse coat, and black hat with white feathers; Miss Mandoo, white lawn and lace insertion, and a blue hat; Miss Hazel Lindsay, white voile, with bands of lace, black hat; Mrs. Wilson Smith, coronation blue velvet, with band of black fur, large black hat; Mrs. Plummer, black silk net and ninon over white silk, black and white hat; Mrs. Jones, black coat and skirt, black toque with touch of white, and black feather boa.

Rahui Social Club.

A very successful and enjoyable dance was held on Friday last in the All Saints' Parish Hall on the occasion of the season's final "At Home" in connection with the recently formed young peoples' club, of which there are about sixty members. The hall was very tastefully decorated with blue and white art muslin and flags. The supper table which was arranged by the girl members was very prettily decorated with pale green intermingled with vases of daffodils and white flowers. The music was excellently rendered by Mr. A. Dunn's orchestra. The following ladies very kindly acted as chaperones: — Mesdames Stephenson, Arnell, Brigham, Holman and Cooper; Mrs. Stephenson wore a red silk toilette; Mrs. Cooper, vieux rose silk; Mrs. Colman, black silk; Mrs. Arnell, black; Miss D. Stephenson, pretty white muslin relieved with red; Miss J. Stephenson, white silk, with silver trimming; Miss V. Arnell wore a dainty blue silk; Miss Carter, vieux rose charmeuse with an overdress of dewdrop net; Miss G. Goodwin, dainty pink frock; Miss G. Massey, pale blue muslin; Miss H. Hinks, white silk with tunic of white ninon; Miss B. Hopkins, pretty white muslin; Miss G. Massey, dainty white muslin; Miss K. Massey wore a sweet pink frock; Miss Ballintyne, turquoise blue frock; Miss Swales, dainty white frock with tunic of green dewdrop net; Miss Burton wore a white satin frock; Miss — Burton, blue charmeuse with beaded overdress; Miss Brigham, white silk with silver trimming; Miss D. Brigham, pretty blue crepe frock; Misses Lloyd, pink and white frocks; Miss V. Donnelly, dainty pink silk frock; Miss G. Taylor, pretty white muslin; Miss D. Taylor, striped voile; Miss E. Histed, dainty green striped voile; Miss H. Russell, pretty white frock; Miss R. Peake, blue