

handful of pye is brought to light, and a fresh start made.

Another cry from Mooney : "Hold on, no impression ; paper not printing."

Terrible oaths from B.E. He experiments with the screw-driver.

"There you are, go on, go on !"

"One, two, three," he counts up to twenty. "Here you are, don't stop to fold them ; never mind about the string ; hang the stamps !

Run for your life, quick, quick ! There's the whistle ; she's off !"

The excitement is intense. Even odds are laid against Peter's chance of beating the train, but he fairly leaps over the ground, and covers the distance in record time. He catches the eye of the guard, and springs forward to the van. The official grasps the parcel—thank heaven, the precious bundle's safe. The mail has been caught !



Akarana's River.



Waitemata broad and blue,
Dawn peeps o'er the hills at thee,
Art thou not her lover free,
Waitemata broad and blue ?
Only Eros can adorn
Akarana's river ;
Woer of the rosy morn,
Akarana's river.

Waitemata broad and blue,
Eve reluctant glances back
All along her golden track,
Waitemata broad and blue,
Leaves her glory on thy breast,
Akarana's river ;
Well beloved of the West,
Akarana's river.

Waitemata broad and blue,
Luna leans from her high place
O'er thee with a fairy grace,
Waitemata broad and blue,
Murmurs of her favours low,
Akarana's river ;
Silver-sweet and summer slow,
Akarana's river.

Waitemata broad and blue,
June shall bring thee night by night
Stars of sevenfold radiance bright,
Waitemata broad and blue ;
Wear them for the fleeting hour,
Akarana's river ;
Beauty mating thus with power,
Akarana's river.

Waitemata broad and blue,
We will wander back in dreams
From the banks of other streams,
Waitemata broad and blue,
To thy dear familiar shore,
Akarana's river ;
Loving once and evermore,
Akarana's river.

ROSLYN.