

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davison (Auckland) are paying a visit to Christchurch.

If you care enough about the people they will listen to the truth from you.—Lady Astor, M.P.

Nearly 2000 French women would like to marry Marshal Foch. This is one of the results of a campaign instituted by a Paris fashion magazine, which has published the answers from more than 5000 women in response to the question: "What great man would you marry if you could?"

With other Dickens relics, the iron boiler in which according to "Oliver Twist," watery gruel was boiled for young Oliver and other inmates at St. George's Workhouse, Borough, S.E., has been offered to the South-west Museum.

Miss Amy Kane, who is leaving for a visit to England and France, was the recipient of good wishes for a good voyage and a safe return from members of the Red Cross Committee in Wellington. Mrs. Luke spoke of Miss Kane's good work and the help she had been to the Red Cross in her position as lady editor of the New Zealand "Times."

According to a cable message to the Australian papers, the correspondent of "The Times" at Berlin states that the latest is male mannequins. The first trade fashion parade after the war attracted 5000 people. To the strains of a two-step, male mannequins in diaphanous violet silk pyjamas, were led to the stage by a flapper in a cerise nightie. Other males followed in garments, the shades of which transcended the wildest dreams of an aniline chemical laboratory.

Blue is the most deceitful colour to match (writes Emma M. Wise in an overseas exchange). All shades give a good deal of trouble, but the most difficult is the regulation "medium blue." This blue becomes almost a purple in artificial light. All shades of blue become more purple in tone when they are shown under any light except that of midday. Violet is nearly as difficult to match as blue. A violet that is cool-toned in daylight shows warm red tones at night. Red will appear more yellow under artificial light, and so will green. Grey is a satisfactory colour to choose for an evening gown, for unless it has a yellow tinge it will not change colour under artificial light. Any woman who has ever worn a black dress or costume knows how difficult black is to match. No black silk is really black. A piece of silk may seem black to the casual observer, and it may be called black, but it is not really black at all. It is dark brown, or dark blue, or dark red. Matching black goods, therefore, is difficult, because one must be able to tell whether the black has more of brown, red, or blue in it and match it to a piece of black goods containing the same colour value. Nor is there any such thing as pure white silk. There are three colours of so-called white silk—oyster, which is sometimes called pure white, though it has a slight blue tinge; ivory, which has a tinge of pale yellow; and creme, in which the yellow tone can be plainly seen. Soft silks are easier to match in colour than stiff silks. Colour varies with texture. A thin piece of silk of the identical dye as a heavy piece looks lighter in colour. This must be taken into consideration when matching.

Miss Amy White-Parsons, Christchurch, left by the Remuera on a trip to England.

Mr. Page, S.M., and Mrs. Page, who have been visiting Takapuna for some weeks, returned to Wellington for Christmas.

NEW ZEALAND CROQUET COUNCIL.

The programmes for the Dominion championships on January 4, at Christchurch, and the North Island championships at Palmerston North on January 17, have met with an excellent response, there being every promise of a very good entry at both meetings.

The request of some southern clubs for a meeting of the N.Z. Croquet Council to be held during the Palmerston North tournament, as well as at Christchurch, is being considered and will probably be acceded to.

The Christchurch Club have finished their club tournament, R. Caughley, a very promising and attractive player who has steadily improved year by year, being the winner. His first match with A. Ross was close and exciting, but after that he did not experience much difficulty, even the veteran P. A. Laurie succumbing to him without the usual enlivening tussle in the final. Caughley will be competing in the championship and will go very close.

There is to be an interesting club tournament at Hamilton on January 25, to which outside entries are invited.

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