

From the Woman's Point of View.

By VERITY.

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

Comic Opera.

MUSIC and mirth hold sway at the Wellington Opera House, where nightly La Pompadour charms large audiences as she queens it in the picturesque gay court of that Louis of France in whose heart she reigned supreme.

Originally hailing from Vienna, the opera has been adapted by brilliant Mr. Lonsdale and Mr. Harry Graham, and it is outstanding in spectacular glamour and music that enthral.

Gay and glad some are the girls of the town on their first light-hearted appearance in crinolined draperies and tiny hats of a beguiling coquetry; of a stately dignity the court scenes, where bewigged and powdered ladies of high degree walk in beauty, clad in rainbow-hued, voluminous petticoats; while the men, with their laces and graces, their manners and mistresses, are leisurely and dignified in a more courtly age than ours. All the paraphernalia of that gay period is here, when beauty held sway, and royalty less decorous than in this year of grace.

As wilful woman incarnate, Miss Beppie de Vries rose to the requirements of an exacting role with art and charm that were a revelation. Most attractive is her delicious accent, all the tricks of the trade are hers, and the gifts of cajolery possessed by the lovely Pompadour, as she trills her way into men's hearts in a voice capable of infinite modulation that incites and caresses by turn.

In the part of the Comte d'Etrade, would-be lover of the king's mistress, Mr. Frank Webster proves himself a melodious gallant indeed, and not to be gainsaid, very handsome in court suit of rose-coloured satin, bedecked and bedizened in a fashion that suits him well. Seductively warbled into the pink and willing ear of his frail and bewildering lady was the lovely "Madame Pompadour" in the second act, its passionate beauty surpassing anything heard for a long time in this particular genre.

Amusing to a degree is Mr. Stigant as a tavern poet; using resonant voice with inimitable talent for burlesque with eminent success; while Miss Vera Spaul, as the dancing, glancing, attractive maid of the Pompadour, played with natural vivacity that charmed, combined with aptitude for the nuances of low comedy and a gay gladness that lost itself in the part. Miss Spaul's was a delightful performance, and the whole production admirable in composition, colour and representation.

From England.

THE Rev. Mr. Hardy Johnson, newly-appointed vicar of All Saints' Church, Dunedin, will arrive by the Rotorua about July 14, and immediately take up his new duties. Mr. Hardy Johnson is accompanied by Mrs. Johnson and a family of five.

New Zealand Medico in Sydney.

BY the Sydney boat, Dr. D'Ath leaves for New South Wales, where his ability has been recognised by his appointment to a lucrative position. Dr. D'Ath will be greatly missed in Dunedin, which has been his headquarters for some years past, and where his attractive personality and musicianly attributes have found great appreciation.

Our Stockings.

IT is remarkably interesting to trace the history of the stocking through a period of, say, 20 years. In our grandmother's day it was understood by thinking people that something was worn to keep the limbs warm, but very little more was known. If by accident a glimpse was caught of an ankle it generally proved to be covered by nice warm wool or cotton. Since then, womanhood has come into her own and long skirts have gone in the Western world, simultaneously with the veil of the Turkish woman, almost as though both were significant gestures denoting the emancipation of woman. Women to-day is only half herself—the other half is her legs and feet. In other words, 50 per cent. of her appearance depends on how she is clad below the knees.

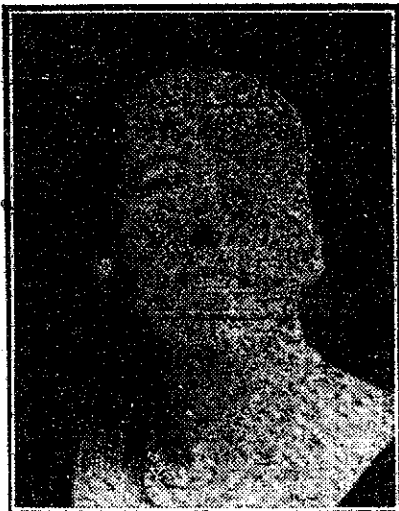
Gunmetal Shade.

THE origin of gunmetal as a shade in England and U.S.A. is to-day rather interesting. It appears that the gunmetal weight hose looks like the sheerest black possible. But in America and England to-day 75 per cent. of fashionable women wear nothing but this very light weight sheer silk hosiery for both day and evening wear. They, unfortunately, will not stand rough wear, but women will wear them to be correct. It needs a much finer silk to make these gossamer-like articles, and if they are handled carefully they will wear quite

well. They are worn at present by the ultra smart, and by the spring it is anticipated that Mrs. and Miss New Zealand will add this extra refinement to her wardrobe. To meet the demand of the people who cannot afford to run the risk of the fragile wear of the really sheer stockings, a kind of compromise will be provided by what is called a semi-service weight. These have the advantage of being cheaper than the heavy-service weight and the sheer weight, combining the wearing qualities of the one with nearly the light appearance of the other.—Mrs. Thomas, 2YA.

Handkerchiefs.

THERE was a day when no woman would buy a handkerchief less than 15 inches square. That was 40 years ago. The standard size for women's handkerchiefs to-day is 9½ inches, but they are often a good deal less. In the old days men's handkerchiefs were 24 inches. Now 90 per cent. are no more than 18 inches.



Andrew, Photo.

MISS DAPHNE KNIGHT.

Miss Knight plays the part of Queen Elizabeth in the Auckland Comedy Players' production, "The Playwright," on Friday, July 13.

"FAVOURITE NOVELS" COMPETITION

MONTHLY PRIZES FOR WOMEN READERS

TO most women there is some book of especial attraction. It may be they find the story of enthralling interest, or perhaps the country in which the scenes are laid holds peculiar fascination. Again, the literary style may have a unique appeal, or some picturesque period in a historical romance.

For our Competition this month we invite readers to send the name of their "Favourite Novel," with the author's name, and a short summary, not exceeding 200 words, of the reason, or reasons, that it holds first place in the affections. A brief and interesting paragraph should be aimed at, conveying as far as possible the charm the book holds for you.

"The Radio Record" offers a prize of half-a-guinea for the best paragraph. The right is reserved to publish the whole or any part of any entry sufficiently original or striking (apart from the prizewinner) on payment of space rates. Entries must be written in ink, on one side of the paper only, and the name and address of the competitor should be written on the back of each entry.

The decision of the editor is final. A non-de-plume may be used if desired.

The "Favourite Novels" competition closes July 20, and the result will be announced on the women's page on July 27.

All entries to be addressed "Verity," C/o "Radio Record," Box 1032, Wellington.

The Letters of Annabel Lee

MY dear Elisabeth:

With a candour and enthusiasm worthy of England's "gloomy Dean" himself, the Anglican Primate of New Zealand recently had something to say concerning manners and morals in this Dominion. True the words, and scathing the indictment that devastated smug self-satisfaction of many mediocrities. "To see ourselves as others see us" is an edifying and salutary experience, designed for our chastening; and the outspoken Archbishop delivered himself of caustic criticism and plain words of rebuke, thereby winning admiration from those who admire sincerity in high places. Apart from moral aspects, tiresome indeed are those parochial people who flaunt wearisome ego to the ennui of their world; being convinced that they walk better, talk better, know better than anyone else, and scorn all interests outside their own narrow horizon, their trumpy cabbages, patch, and, protagonists of mediocrity flourish a foolish banner of criticism on all they cannot understand or appreciate.

THE pursuit of the daily crust, that poetic and elusive loaf of bread and jug of wine, encourages the adoption of unattractive callings. This morning, digging in my garden, which at the moment is anything but "a lovesome plot, God wot!" I found myself accosted by a confident stranger, with calculating eye and ingratiating smile. "How is your breadwinner?" he asked intimately. "Is his health good? Wouldn't he like to insure his life?" I made a dissenting murmur. "But surely hubby can't be left uninsured!" in tones of horror. Unwillingly I disclaimed matrimonial implication. "A widow now, that's what you are!" in triumphant assertion. "Not even a grass one," came an aside from Joan, whose timely appearance saved me

from depressing chat concerning a thriftless and unfinancial old age looming in the offing.

CLAD in kasha of wine-red hue and excellent cut, with cunning incrustations of stone-colour, Joan was radiant, having secured the garment with much dexterity and little cash, together with small hat that matched exactly, at the cheapest of cheap sales in the south. Full of chat was she, telling of a student friend, who, after winning a scholarship, is now at Columbia University, and having met joint authors of the book on Economics ably criticised by him, has been entertained by one of them, who incidentally is one of the Four Million. Five hundred miles from New York is the country cottage of this millionaire, and in its luxury of detail, its palatial bathrooms, warmed by blazing log fires, opening out of each bedroom, has proved a revelation of delight, a fairytale of ease and beauty, to the brilliant, simple student from New Zealand, accustomed to our sometimes plain living and occasional high thinking.

ALSO, Joan described to me dignified tablet in the Dunedin Anglican Cathedral, to the memory of Bishop Nevill, and placed below that Nicholl window with its blowing poppies that some of us remember in old St. Paul's. Of grey granite, this tablet, its austere lettering flanked by alabaster angels of graceful beauty. "Never before have I met an angel in alabaster," finished Joan flippantly, although I know several in plus fours!

ONE is glad to hear of the resuscitation of Madame Tussaud's great show in London. Blooming in beauty side by side in waxen perfection, are fascinating figures of the present and the past, priests and politicians jostling one another, mondaine and murderer, kings, queens and knaves, the whole pack, in fact, with a few

jokers thrown in. Benign and beneficent beams Mr. Baldwin, fair and fat is Mr. Churchill; and our own dear King and Queen smile discreetly upon their flock, Mary the Good in elegant pearl-encrusted gown of that long length she loyally loves. Attached are cinema and restaurant, where may be obtained a sustaining diet vastly acceptable to a spirit surfeited with supping on horror upon horror of opium den and midnight marauder.

FORSAKING complexity for saner conception and execution, it is interesting to hear of the success of a gifted girl, Miss Joan Manning-Sanders, who, without aid or instruction, has won distinction by her picture of three strongly-drawn fishermen, which is hung on the line of this year's Academy. To have discovered and achieved so much in fourteen short years of life is a remarkable feat, even in this age when youth is youth indeed, and must be served.

WHICH reminds one of a decade ago when glad girls were snubbed on principle. Mr. Heughan tells a story of the time when, a diffident boy, he approached his father with a request to have his voice cultivated. "Sing! Who do you suppose would ever pay good money to hear you sing?" asked the quelling Scottish parent of the quiet youth with the glorious voice, and the makings of an artist. It was the way in those days. They meant no harm. I remember a curly-haired maiden, with no vanity at all, but turning to life as a flower to the sun. "When I'm married," she said one day, "I'll have a house in the hills and a garden of forget-me-nots." (It was a sentimental era.) "Marry! You! Nobody will ever marry you!" stormed stern relative, turning a scornful eye. And nobody ever did!

Your
ANNABEL LEE.

WOMAN AND HER HOME

A Physician's Opinion.

THE craze for unnecessary dieting especially with the fair sex, is being carried too far. A fair amount of adipose tissue is essential for good health of mind and body.

It is the packing material of all the organs, and a shock-absorber against jolts and jars. There is a proper and due proportion between one's height and one's weight, and rigorous dieting to upset this proportion, is attended with harm, and even risk, as these examples only too clearly show.

Besides, there is a heartiness of spirit and a capacity of resistance to misfortune among those whose bones and nerves are well covered and protected that are not so common among those of an opposite tendency.

It is the excessively thin who are all "nerves" and hysteria, and liable to attacks of depression, so why emulate these?

A gracious outline may be better than a graceful one, and the efforts to attain the latter may be disastrous.

Cheese Biscuits.

THESE cheese biscuits are delicious eaten with salad, or served instead of a savoury. Butter some cracker biscuits, and cover them well with shreds of cheese. Place under the grill until the cheese melts and begins to brown, and finish in the oven so that they get hot right through. Serve at once.

Perfume Sachets.

THE following recipe gives a subtle fragrance which is more popular than a strong perfume. Mix together 1lb. of powdered starch, 1oz. of powdered orris roots, some dried and powdered lavender, or five drops of essence of lavender, three drops essence of lemon, six drops of essence of bergamot. Pass all through a fine sieve, divided into suitable quantities. Enclose in tissue paper and sew up in small silk bags.

An Unusual, Economical Chutney.

INGREDIENTS: 3lb. rhubarb, chopped in short lengths; 1lb. moist sugar, or more if liked very sweet; 1lb. onion, finely minced; one dessertspoonful salt, the same quantity of mustard; one teaspoonful allspice (whole); six cloves; small piece of root ginger; and 1lb. chopped raisins. Boil all together till a nice rich brown colour—about three-quarters of an hour. Put into jars, and tie down when cold. This is delicious with cold meat.

Put Handles on Your Mattresses.

MATTRESSES last much longer and are also much easier to turn if they have "handles" on each side. These can be made of strips of the tick 1in. wide, and of a length equal to the thickness of the mattress, and should be sewn on about 2ft. from either end—two on each side of the mattress.

Simple Method of Preserving Eggs.

HERE is the simplest of all methods for preserving eggs: Place a dozen new-laid eggs in a large handkerchief, gather the ends of the handkerchief together, and, holding firmly, dip all at once into a pan of fast boiling water, count ten, lift them out, dry the eggs, and wrap each carefully in newspaper. Store away in a closed box. They will keep for a year, and be as fresh as when new.

Glass Motor Mascots.

RENE Lalique, the artist whose designs in glass have been a source of joy and inspiration, is now turning out original motor mascots. The choice of designs ranges from quaint sea beasts to conventional prancing horses with stiff curly manes. Although the glass is not thick, it is guaranteed to remain intact in all but the most shattering of collisions.

Hot Crayfish.

THIS is an old-fashioned way of preparing crayfish, lobster, or crab. Break up the meat fairly small, butter extravagantly, lemon juice judiciously, salt, a little red pepper if it please you, and a glass of port or Madeira wine. Heat this in a pan and serve very hot. This is "such stuff as dreams are made of"—good dreams.

Aigre-doux—Old French Recipe.

1 QUART vinegar (wine), 2lb. sugar, plums (melon, greenages, or any other soft fruit, not too ripe).

Soak plums in vinegar for 24 hours. Then remove them and put the sugar in the vinegar. Boil hard for 20 minutes, after which time drop in the plums two or three at a time. Take out when swollen, but before breaking; it is advisable to prick fruit first to prevent this. Put in jars and cover like jam. Delicious with cold meats.

A Sure Remedy for Burns.

THE following, I consider, is the best possible remedy for burns, proved time and again: Break an egg into a cup, stand aside for use when wanted. Now gently tear off the skin which adheres to the shell and apply (moist side, of course) at once to the burned part. Keep it in position with a rag or handkerchief. The pain will cease immediately, and no blister will form. The egg skin gets quite hard, and comes off gradually. The burn will leave no scar on the human skin.

Almond Icing Substitute.

THOUGH almond icing is generally liked, some find it not easy to digest, and it is always expensive. The following is a reliable substitute: Half a pound of very fine breadcrumbs, 1lb. of icing sugar, one teaspoonful of almond flavouring, and the white of one egg to bind. Well mix and spread on cake in the ordinary way.

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For Bath Salts

ORDINARY glass containers for bath salts often get a tiresome, smeared appearance after a time owing to the action of the soda. It is quite a good idea to paint these inside with one of the new cellulose paints, either in gold or silver, or in white. The paint dries hard and shiny, and very quickly.

Tonking's Linseed Emulsion
is a Certain Cure for Coughs and Colds