

it is necessary to go back to the Manchu conquest of China in the 18th century. The Manchus had a military alliance with the Mongols, and it was largely through the military help of the Mongols and the strategic importance of Mongolia that they were able to dominate China. In 1911, as you probably know, there was a revolution in China and the Manchu dynasty was banished. When that happened, the Mongols lost, as it were, their connecting link with China. Outer Mongolia declared its independence and was able to maintain that independence because the Gobi Desert was a barrier which the Chinese armies could not pass. The Inner Mongolians were not so successful. Modern arms and railways enabled them to defeat the Mongol princes, and Chinese settlers began to establish themselves on Mongol territory.

MONA TRACY (3YA).

ON the day we set out for Waitaha cars were speeding their way south and hurtling their way north. All the world, it seemed, was rushing to and from the glaciers—all the world, that is, but the little world about Waitaha. For this was the year's day of days in the little dairying settlement which lay in its broad, fertile valley far out of sight of the

main highway, behind one of those walls of green bush. From Ross, from Fergusons, from Kakapotahi, and from as far to the south as Harihari, people came in motors and lorries and carts and a-horse, to enjoy the annual picnic of the Waitaha settlers. One enthusiast, to my knowledge, arrived in an ancient car whose fan was held together with a bootlace! But what



matter the conveyance so that light hearts were abroad? From every vehicle peeped the eager faces of children and the smiling ones of their parents. Ah, those marvellous Westland parents with their marvellous families! Several mothers brought five or six little ones; two, at least, of them had seven; and there was one woman who moved proudly across the picnic ground surrounded by a little flock of eight—one little well-groomed head bobbing just an inch or so above the next.

FOR the day's fun there had been selected a grassy riverflat flanked on three sides with tall bush. On the fourth some patches of lighter scrub gave glimpses of the big Waitaha River rippling its way to Tasman's Sea. Beyond it the dark sapphire hills went up to meet the turquoise of the sky. All along the edges of the clearing were the blossoms of the mountain ribbon-wood and the parsonia; and in such profusion as to be unbelievable. Kakapotahi, a glorious green and white striped orchid whose tips, shaped like the kaka's beak, were brilliant coral. But these, after all, were familiar things. The picnic was everything, and the day's opportunity to see people whom one had not met for months, to exclaim over some new infant making its bow to district society, to exchange news and notes on a hundred different subjects. The river flat was gay with colour, with women in flowery frocks and with little girls, looking like a garden of butterflies. For this one day of the year one might forget the cows and the toil of clearing the land and the difficulties of bringing up large families in the bush.

I NOTICE in this year's Budget that the American debt has gone into that very nice category where it no longer needs to be mentioned.—Mr. James Maaton.

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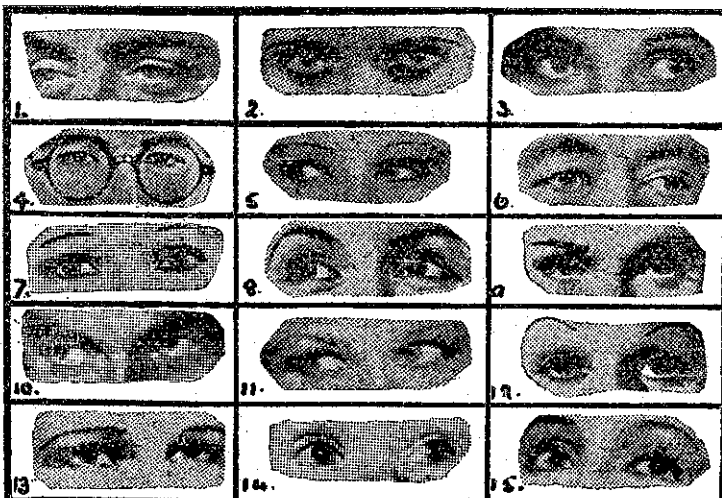
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