

Richard Crooks Talks

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have been produced. But the rule is rather a success of new singers, such as Margery Lawrence, the Australian singer, who made her debut at the Metropolitan last season, than a success of new mode or inspiration.

Perhaps Mr. Crooks and his wife—who went to school with him—have never quite grown up. Their country home is in a little New Jersey place named Sea Girt—only 50 miles from where the singer was born. The house is kept open all the year round, so that even when the engagement programme is full they can run down for a day or so. Mr. Crooks sails, swims, fishes, plays golf. . . . "And I raise Cain when I'm not in proper shape to play my best,

too," he says. As for the juniors, Dicky Crooks, aged nine, came in and rumbled his dad's hair halfway through the interview. His father at once said, "Dicky wants to be a policeman or a Texas Mountie, don't you, Son?" and Son made a fruitless attempt to gag the speech. Patricia, who looks a typical little American, brown-eyed, curly-haired and smartly dressed, goes to school in winter, travels with her parents in summer. This year she scores a double summer.

After his Australian concert programme, Richard Crooks will be over in New Zealand to sing "good but popular" music to our own crowds. He does not believe in the highbrow programme for this country or for Australia. "They don't like it," he says, thereby disproving the old German catchphrase which he himself quoted when trying to show that singers can't act—"Dumb as a tenor."

RESULTS OF "PEOPLE'S PICTURE PUZZLE" No. 2.

THE Prize Money of £25 has been awarded to Mr. W. Fright, Hume St., Sydenham, who succeeded in finding 50 of the possible 60 words in the picture. The correct solution is as follows:—Castle, Crescent, Comet, Cross-tree, Cottage, Cabin, Church, Cannon, Church-yard, Crocodile, Cannon-shot, Cannoneer, Cross-roads, Cavern, Clock, Cupola, Cactus, Case, Caravan, Car, Crab, Coop, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Carrots, Costermonger, Cigarette, Cane, Camel, Crane, Cobb, Corral, Chaise, Camp, Capstan, Child, Cycle, Cove, Cliffs, Cutter, Canoe, Camera, Cow, Calf, Clouds, Camelopard, Cattle, Crosses, Cap, Chanticleer, Capitals, Caldron, Chain, Cart, Columns, Cable, Chimneys, Cyclist, Cutting, Coast.

GEOGRAPHICAL SERIES, No. 22. The correct solution was: 1, Wellington; 2, Invercargill; 3, Petone; 4, Westport; 5, Mourea; 6, Christchurch; 7, Balclutha; 8, Onehunga; 9, Taupo; 10, Elgin; 11, Te Koro; 12, New Plymouth; 13, Hastings; 14, Palmerston; 15, Feilding. Correct solutions were received from: Auckland, F. Woods, Gisborne, F. Jones, Marton, I. Jackson, Feilding, G. Finlay, A. Haywards, V. Morphy, K. Griffin, E. Brunzell, G. Garnett, Palmerston North, N. Allen, C. Oswald, L. Gatsche, Mr. and Mrs. Roach, M. Geary, E. Wheatley, G. Newton, Wanganui, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Master-ton, G. Turkington, Wellington, H. Wood, M. Bailey, Christchurch, Mr. and Mrs. Faris, Mrs. Miss and Mr. Thomson, Temuka, J. Hopkinson, Timaru, C. Webber, Dunedin, Miss Stevens. Each receives £1/13/4.

RESULTS "RUGBY SERIES," No. 2. Three correct entries were submitted by N. Neilson, Invercargill, and J. Middleton, Wanganui; two by B. Catt, Carterton, and F. Crawford, Wellington; one each by B. Wilson, Dunedin; W. Cargo, Temuka; J. W. Thomson, Christchurch; E. Ward, C. Clark, R. Brown, V. Beech, W. Smith, H. W. Nelson, D. Boyd, Wellington; Mrs. E. Millar, O. Millar, I. G. Dudding, Trentham; Pat Ward, C. T. Ward, Martinborough; G. Challis, Carterton; J. Halligan, Wanganui; D. F. Fitzgerald, Te Awamutu; Mrs. G. Wainohu, Mohaka. The cash prize of £35 is, therefore, divided, £1/4/2 each correct entry. Prize-money has been posted. Correct solution: 1, Nicholls; 2, Roberts; 3, Lomas; 4, Pepper; 5, Collins; 6, Brownlie; 7, Wright; 8, Bayly; 9, Vorrath; 10, Irvine; 11, Harley; 12, Wallace; 13, Stead; 14, Lilburne.

RESULTS OF "HEADS OR TAILS" No. 8. First prize of £45: Two competitors tied with similar solutions, so the first and second prizes are added together and divided equally between them. Each will receive £22/10/-. Mr. R. Salthouse, Greenmeadows, Hawke's Bay; Mrs. A. Beck, 1 Seaview Terrace, Napier. Solution: Sow, duro, muzzy, burrow, totting, joyous, style; dust pyx. Total points, 743. Third prize of £5: Mr. B. G. Prince, 1 Uxbridge Street, Dunedin. Solution: Yow, duro, muzzy, button, stowing, joyous, prune, dust, pyx. Total points, 739. Prize-money will be posted on Monday, June 29.

TOPICAL TIT BITS No. 28. Results. Correct solution as lodged with "N.Z. Truth": When Mrs. Amy Mollison landed at Croydon after shattering two records, the crowd immediately besieged her in their endeavours to catch a glimpse of the famous pilot. Twenty-five competitors submitted all-correct solutions and the prize-money of £40 is accordingly divided equally, each receiving £1/12/-. Those who divide are: H. Wood, Napier; Miss J. Macdonald, Timaru; I. Howejohns, Dunedin; R. J. Butterfield, Christchurch; Mrs. R. Esplin, Gore; L. T. J. Ryan, Christchurch; W. Thompson, Halswell; H. Charleston, Cobden; Messrs Adair Bros., Gore; Miss M. Aldersley, Lower Hutt; Mrs. I. Sillick, Te Kuiti; Mrs. M. Millar, Dunedin; Miss Pike, Wellington; J. W. Thomson, Bromley; A. Russell, Wellington; A. C. Seaton, Shannon; L. C. Tucker, Christchurch; Mrs. H. Meyer, Kawhia; N. Ekins, Trentham; M. J. Murch, Feilding; Mrs. C. M. O'dea, Whangamomona; G. Mitchell, Elham; J. R. Thomson, Wairoa; J. Burdett, Auckland; Mrs. L. Blanchett, New Plymouth. Winning entries have been checked with the sealed solution by "N.Z. Truth" and the prize-money has been posted. Two entries for 1/- in this competition.

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