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AUNT DAISY, 2ZB, 9.2 a.m., December 22: "That is enough for six people, but it depends who the people are."

PARLIAMENTARY TERM. **MARINA, 1ZB, December 15 and 20, 11.32 a.m.,** "You mix it with a little water, and you stir it, of course, to the constituency you want."

NEW WAY. **AUNT DAISY, December 22, 9.15 a.m. (giving an ice cream recipe):** "And boil it with an egg-beater."

THAT WASN'T MUCH. **PETER, 4ZB, children's hour, December 21:** "You must have been out in the sun all night—what there was of it."

CRUELTY TO FEET. **AUNT DAISY, 2ZB, 9.20 a.m., Wednesday, December 21:** "Here is a fine, strong stocking for those who are a bit hard on feet."

NEW HOLD. **GORDON HUTTER, 1YA, 9.15, Monday, December 26:** "Jones has a double wristlock on Steele's head."

ILL. **AUNT DAISY, 2ZB, Tuesday, December 20:** "... and a



tablespoon of sick white sauce."

MORTALITY. **PETER HUTT, December 20, 1ZB, "A life of matter and death."**

INVALIDS? **AUNT DAISY, Wednesday December 21:** "This is for people who can't take anything with bad stomachs."

VETERANS? **ANNOUNCER, 3YA, 3 p.m., Monday, December 26 (giving the cricket score):** "The score in the Plunket Shield crippled match is —."

MARRIED. **ANNOUNCER, 2ZB, 10.30 a.m., December 27:** "Today we have a married woman to give us a few hints on the Self Help. Would you like to speak a few words Miss Grant?"

ABOUT CATS. **BRYAN, children's session, 2ZB, December 19:** "Now I have a tabby kitten. Is a tabby a male? Yes, I think so."

I CANNOT help suspecting that a good deal of science has the interest largely of gossip—gossip about the stars, gossip about birds, gossip about fish, gossip about the unconscious.—Mr. Robert Lynd.

AT the age of twelve, Gladys Swarthout was presented in her first recital by her singing teacher in Kansas City. In her fourth song there was a high C which had to be reached, and held. Gladys missed getting the note the first time, but beginning her song all over again she brilliantly succeeded the second time and the audience applauded. The singer confesses she never had sweeter applause. People who heard the child at that concert and

brother. Such was the elaborately emotional song with a captivating waltz refrain that played havoc with the heart-strings of our dear parents and grandparents, to say



PRIME MINISTER OF MIRTH—George Robey gave a lively turn at the London Palladium Royal Variety performance for King George and Queen Mary. ...

nothing of certain bachelor uncles and spinster aunts!

"After the Ball—Waltz" by Charles K. Harris, will be heard from 1YA on Wednesday, January 11. Edith Lorand's Orchestra will play the waltz, and a few tender bits are exploited by Edith herself on her violin.

PEOPLE WHO READ TO LEARN With his finger on the public pulse for 30 years as regards best-sellers and popular books, the 2YA book reviewer (who recently completed 11 years' continuous service) believes that the general standard of the writing today is higher than ever before, and if there would appear to be fewer authors as great as Dickens and Trueman it is because there are so many more who are outstanding. He thinks that the general taste is improving and that more people read with objects other than a means of escape than ever before. The best-sellers of to-day are certainly not fiction.

The 2YA Book Reviewer will be heard on Thursday, January 12.

HYMN OF A COMEDIAN When John Bacchus Dykes, a young York-shireman, went up to Cambridge he became very prominent in



BUT—Elsie and Doris Waters as Gert and Daise went still one better.

Confessions of People You Know

ANDERSEN TYRER, eminent English composer, conductor and pianist, at present visiting New Zealand, this week gives his amusing confessions to "Record" readers:

My eyes are: Blue (never had a black one!).
My hair is: Fair (for the most part!).
Favourite colour for clothes: Blue or grey.
My lucky day is: Pay day.
My favourite play is: Any which is good (how many are?).
In my friends I look for the qualities of: Zeal and sympathy.
My favourite motto is: Do unto others, etc.
My pet aversion is: Bridge (especially contract).
I could happily spend the rest of my life in: England (Bolton Abbey).
My favourite screen star is: Donald Duck.
What has pleased me most about New Zealand: The wonderful patriotic spirit to the Home Country.
What has disappointed me most: Not being allowed to take English money out of the country!

admired her grit as well as her talent, offered to lend the Swarthouts money for her musical education. The very next day, a grand piano arrived at their home to replace the old upright. And Gladys's training began in earnest.

4YA listeners will hear Gladys Swarthout, soprano, on Sunday afternoon, January 8.

TOUCHED ALL HEARTS! In his song-success "After the Ball" Charles K. Harris found in 1890 a little

gold mine. Over three million copies of the song were sold in America alone. Harris died in 1930 in New York, aged 65. He also composed "Break the News to Mother." The story of "After the Ball" concerns a young man, who at the request of his sweetheart when at a ball, goes out to get her a drink (how things have changed!). On his return he finds her in animated conversation with a stranger. The young man rants and fumes and refuses to listen to any explanations, then and there breaking off the engagement. Years later, when he is old and grey, he learns that his former sweetheart had died of a broken heart, and that the young stranger was none other than her

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