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dance... that their very training taught them to hide their emotions, their feelings. English girls were trained to meet people, to go about in society, and, for those reasons, they had to mask their true emotions.

"But that's no use for ballet. On the stage you must show your temperament. Imagine 'Schehera-

sages' without its spirit of brooding passion!

"No, you must have temperament—AND SHOW IT—if you hope to become a successful ballet dancer. One of the most successful English girls in ballet to-day is Markova—she's dancer with technique and great ability."

Perfect Ballerina

VICTOR DANDRE is very enthusiastic about the members of the present Russian Ballet company. "A ballerina must work seven years before she can become a dancer. Irina Baronova and Tatiana

Riabouchinska are very young, but they have served a hard apprenticeship and their technique to-day is perfect. Now they will continue to develop more and more as artists."

I SAW IRINA BARONOVA DANCE AT COVENT GARDEN IN LONDON LAST YEAR AND I'M CONVINCED THAT SHE IS THE OUTSTANDING BALLERINA IN THE WORLD TO-DAY.

A child of the Russian revolution she fled with her parents to Rumania where she was educated. Then she became a pupil in Paris of the famous

Preobrajenska. At the un- usually early age of thirteen she became a member of the corps de ballet of De Basil's company and, within six months she was selected as a premiere danseuse.

You'll remember the sombre ballet, "Les Presages," staged by the last ballet company to visit New Zealand? Well, Baronova created the role of Passion in the original production in London. Watch out for Baronova—her artistry and technique are things to thrill and amaze you.

Different Types

I MET the two other ballerinas—Riabouchinska and Grigorieva. The former made a mar-

vellous Cinderella. Blonde and slim, she is an entirely different type to Baronova and her beauty in this fanciful ballet based on the old fairy tale was something that made Auckland gasp. Grigorieva is yet another type, ideally suited to the role she played as Zobeide, the sultan's wife in "Scheherazade."

David Lichine is not dancing in Auckland, thanks to a slight accident. I saw him the other night in a box with Victor Dandre—a breath of European ballet come to New Zealand. Of the men who danced, my choice fell on Paul Petroff. He was the Prince in "Cinderella," the Prince Charming to Baronova's Princess Aurora in "Aurora's Wedding."

Dates For The Ballet

THE "Record" has had numerous inquiries about the dates when the Covent Garden Russian Ballet Company will be appearing in other parts of New Zealand. Here they are:—

Palmerston North: February 17.
Wellington: February 18 to March 2.
Christchurch: March 4 to 11.
Dunedin: March 13 to 18.

zade' without fire and passion! Or 'Carnaval' without coquetry! Or 'Les Pre-

Hot Shots

A BACHELOR is a man who never makes the same mistake once.

TIME spent in getting even would be better spent in getting ahead.

NO, the BBC is not changing its good-night melody to "Ireland, Smother, Ireland."

"A NIGHT IN VENICE" is to be a feature of Fitness Week in Wellington. And, please, no Mussolinis for Aunt Sallies.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS DEPARTMENT.

PILLBOX air-raid shelters would have a peace-time use as a coalshed or a store, reports an English air-raid committee.

LAST week's nicest thought. Mrs. Roosevelt hopes that the Spaniards will arrive at a peace which will not leave the least bitterness.

DISCUSSING new plans for the new Social Security building. Mr. Savage said it was just as well to realise the Government was going straight on with the job. With the brakes off?

MODERN child, stroking her new kitten: "Mummy, it's left its motor running."

HOLLYWOOD actress, applying for a passport and asked whether she was married, replied: "Occasionally."

"TWO hours' fight with salmon," is the heading of a fishing story from Otago. Jock must have forgotten the tin-opener.

NOTE ON A BROKEN REED.

SYDNEY fishmongers are refusing to sell potato chips with their fish.

THE reason Sydney fishmongers are taking this drastic step, it is explained, is that they want the embargo on New Zealand potatoes lifted. Mr. Savage, it is understood, has sent them a cable urging them to fight to the last flounder.

When Augustus John Really does stick it on His price is within about 4d. Of Orpen's.

Message To Girl-Readers

THE modern girl should throw herself heart and soul into this Fitness movement, says little Lucy Eyesbright in a special message to the "Record's" girl readers. Lucy Eyesbright says that the modern girl must keep herself in trim so that she can get the best out of life and no regrets. It's all very well, says Lucy Eyesbright, but a girl can't expect to stand up to the

women to break the tobacco habit." Addressing a thousand fully qualified medical officers, Streicher informed them that "Women who smoke cannot have so many or such healthy children as those who do not."

Craze for Speed

RECENT picture of Tama Sharman, said to be the ideal television girl, being made up for a television broadcast from London, has set some of our local younger marrieds looking hopefully at the little ones in the pram, and only last week we heard an ambitious woman crooning to her baby girl, "Some day, my precious, you may be New Zealand's first television girl."

Asked to comment, NBS officials laughingly said: "You know what mothers are, always wanting everything for their children at once. Of course, it's just possible we may start television in this country in the child's lifetime, but really it's much more likely that our first television girl will be among the following generation yet unborn. No good ever comes of rushing things," said this chap gaily, then going into a curious half-hour trance which turned out to be standing by for the eight o'clock chimes.

Sound at Heart

BIG things are happening in the darts world. Leading officials of the National Darts Association may hold a conference during which questions concerning nearly a million players will be discussed. The formation of country associations is coming. Everyone is playing darts.—Cable item.

Interviewed specially for this page, Colonel Blazes, a past-president of the Darts Association, said it all went to back up Sir Samuel Hoare's recent statement that those who thought Britain and the Empire were

on the wane had another think coming. The boys were every bit as keen on archery and darts as they had been in the days King Harold got his Blighty at the Battle of Hastings. There was good stuff in the Old Country yet.

Asked to comment, Cousin Wildflower said: "You will notice that the game has spread to all classes. Of course, the backbone of England, scattered throughout the various inns, has always been keen on the game, but it is only recently that the Bright Young Things have taken it up."

"They went in for it seriously a few months ago when

Reggie ("Highball") Splitt-Feathers fixed stout Lady Portcullis, a rather fussy hostess, who thought her guests ought to go home at only 4 a.m.

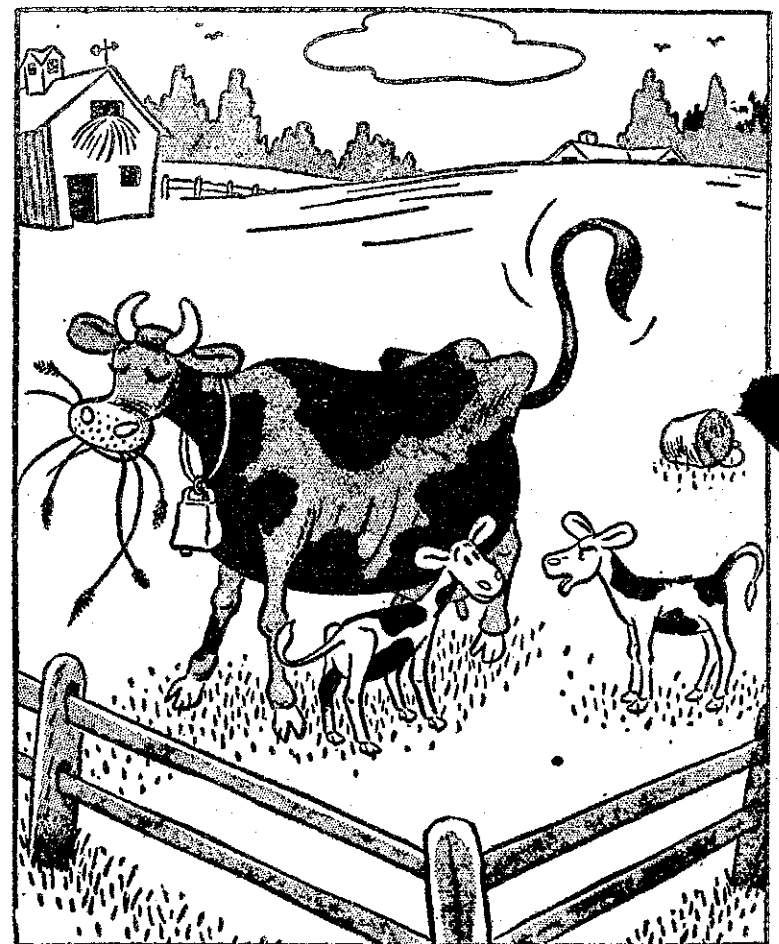
"This hostess, the Portcullis woman," said Cousin Wildflower, "had been making a pretty big nuisance of herself, and young Splitt-Feathers with great daring simply drew a dart from his pocket and pinned her by the right ear to the wall, where she stayed until the butler found her five hours later, the butler first giving her a good dusting under the pardonable impression that she was rather a decent bit of old statuary dug up and planted there unknown."

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daily grind of five o'clocks and the movies in the evening and then a turn on the cabaret floor at night unless she gets herself into good training and keeps in good training, can she?

"What we must aim at," says Lucy Eyesbright, "is to make ourselves as hardy as our Nordic sisters have done by the 'Strength Through Joy' movement in Berlin"—where motorists are beginning to complain that every time they hit a Fitness blonde at a crossing they buckle up their mudguards and have to get new bumpers in the bargain.

WANTING his Fuehrer to pronounce a decree against women smoking is Nazi Jew-baiter number one, bald-headed, paunchy Julius Streicher. Says the whip-carrying boss of Nuremberg: "A woman who smokes destroys her soul as well as her body, but we must use tact in getting our



—New York "Times."

"Hey! What's the idea taking all the cream?"