

Society Doings.

"What the world of fashion is doing."

MRS. GRAHAM'S At Home last Saturday was most successful and largely attended. This amiable lady and her daughters are deservedly popular.



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A VERY pretty bride, in a very cosy home, is Mrs Geo. Baird of Surrey Place, *nee* Miss Minnie Worden. Lots of nice people ring her door-bell Tuesdays.

MRS. Boisseau has lately removed from down town to 503 Sherbourne street, where she dispenses the same cheery and hearty hospitality as before to her many friends.

APPENDED will be found a portrait of Miss Agnes Knox, the well-known professor at the University. Miss Knox lately returned to Toronto from a visit to Scotland.

THE Minstrels at the Academy last week were a great success. Good houses and a very fine entertainment were the result. The

electric light surprise, in the March of the Red Hussars was most amusing and unique.

THE event of the week will be the Toronto Fencing Club's Fencing and Dramatic entertainment of May 4th, under the direction of Mr. R. B. Malchien *Maitre d'armes*. The committee is strong and has lots of social influence so that a delightful house may be looked for. The names of the members are as follows: Mr. John Sloan, Mr. Walter Reid, Mr. W. G. A. Lambe, Mr. Robert Myles, Mr. Ed. Currie, Mr. E. R. Parkhurst, Mr. A. D. Cartwright, Mr. C. B. Jackes, Mr. Bruce Brough, Mr. A. McLean Macdonnell, Mr. Jas. Hay, Hon Secretary. As we go to press before the evening of the entertainment, I must leave details until next week.

THE Vocal Society Concert on Thursday the 28th was made extremely interesting by the presence of Miss Attalie Claire, a Toronto lady, who has won fame and fortune at one bound, so to speak. Miss Claire, whose competition and triumph over Lillian Russell are town talk, is a winsome and a clever singer. She did not do as well as she can on Thursday, owing to a severe cold which she caught on the train, but her singing created much enthusiasm. Miss Claire wore some elegant diamonds and received many floral tributes. The people of Toronto can afford to be proud



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of this daughter of our city. Miss Claire goes to England in a few days for some months' study, and will doubtless come back ready for futher conquests. We shall publish her portrait in our next week's issue.

A NUMBER of society people are getting together a committee, and beginning arrangements for holding an old English Fair, in the fine new St. George's Society buildings on Elm street. Mrs. J. Herbert Mason has consented to act as president of the committee and the other well-known members are Mrs Philip Drayton, who so successfully helped to engineer the Infants' Home entertainment last fall, Mrs. S. G. Wood, of Pembroke street, Mrs. W. E. Wellington, a most bright and energetic manager, Mrs. Barlow Cumberland, Miss Amy Mason, and Miss Kate Symons, Mrs. Beardmore, Mrs. John Cawthra, of Beverley street, Mrs Gooderham, who is living just now at the Queen's, Mrs. Justice F. Osler, of 35 Avenue street, and Mrs. G. T. Dennison, of Haydon villa, Dovercourt Road. This is a mighty committee and should carry all before them, representing as they do, the tact, wealth, brains and beauty of our city in a very marked degree. Booths and fancy tables, music, refreshments, and all sorts of funny and amusing entertainments will constitute the bill of fare which the ladies offer. The effort is made at the invitation of the Society to furnish the new St. George's Hall.

ONE of the most charming little *cliques* in Toronto is a French club known as the "Owls," which meets on Saturday evenings to chat over topics of the day in "*la belle langue*." This club has no rules, no fees, no settled meeting place, the different members take turns in playing host, and from week to week the merry work goes on, the improvement in conversational power is marked at the end of the season, and as most of its members have made or intend to make the grand tour, the club has in a marked manner combined amusement and usefulness. Among the members are Dr. and Mrs. Graham, Miss Graham, Miss Aikens, Miss Wilkes, Mrs. Tackaberry, Mrs. Fox, Miss Brown, Miss Baker, Miss Hettie Hamilton, Miss Susie Ellis, Mr. J. W. L. Forster, Mr. H. Mason, Mr. Rowan, Mr. Bourlier, Mrs. Alfred Denison, Madame and Miss Chopitea, Monsieur and Madame Coutellier Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Proctor, Mr. J. Enoch Thompson, and Miss Amy Thompson, Mr. Charles and Miss Catto, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, Miss L. and Miss Nellie Gordon, Monsieur Tesson, Herr Friedewald, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Brown, Mr. Roswell, Mrs. Haldenby, the Misses Howson, and several others. Last Saturday Madame Chopitea of 22 Wellington Place, received

THE Royal Grenadiers Entertainment this year was in every way a marked success. Good acting, pretty scenery, lovely women and handsome costumes, made the play of "Bootles' Baby" what it should be, picturesque and interesting. Mrs. Cameron, one of the handsomest women in Toronto, looked charming as the match-making and amiable widow, Mrs. Smith, her *petite* sister Mrs. Gibson, was easy and naive in manner, distinct in enunciation and very successful in her attractive *role*. Miss Francis played a deli-

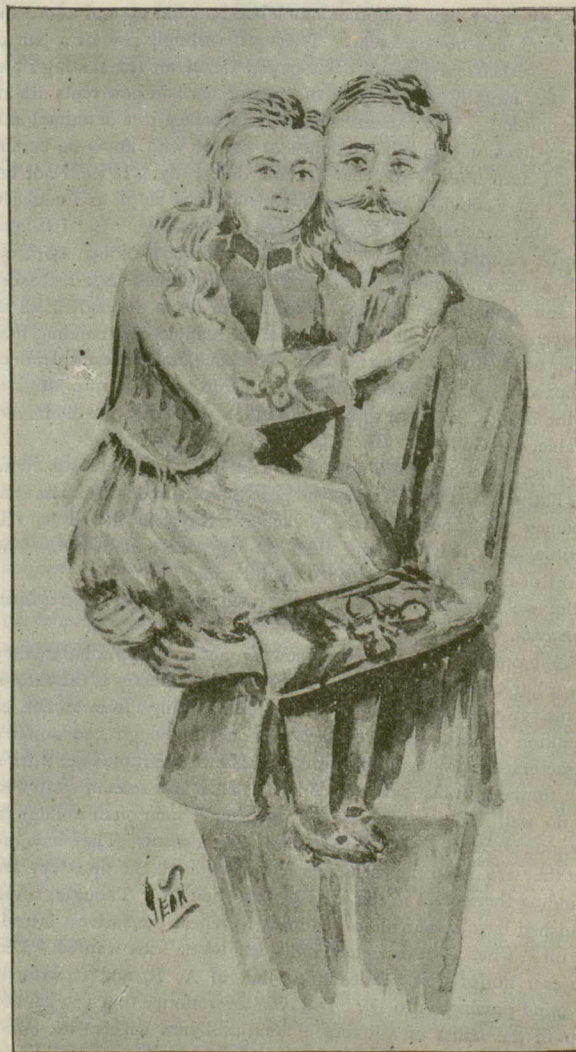


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cate and difficult part. Her stage presence was fine, and her expression perfect. Of "Miss Mignon," suffice it to say that she rivals the famous child artist, Gertie Homan, and her pretty voice and taking gestures were beautifully natural. Floral tributes were offered to each of the fair performers. It would never do to omit the capital presentation of "Humpty Dumpty" by Miss Shanly. For the gentlemen, Mr. Harry Boddy took the difficult *role* of Bootles in his usual finished style. One rather prefers Mr. Boddy in a less serious *role*, light comedy, and society man being his *forte*. Mr. Ricketts captured the house with his inimitable valet, Saunders, Mr. Gwynne made a good Military Doctor, and Mr. Rutherford an excellent Irishman. Captain Gibson received a tribute of unmistakable worth to his acting of the cruel husband, being heartily hissed by the gods. The most praise, to my mind, falls to Mr. Ernest Wood, who took the part of Captain Lucy, "the fellah who's not such a fool as he looks." He was certainly lacking in wit, but he was also a likeable and honorable gentleman, who would command the love and respect of many a wiser man or woman.



MISS LAURA NORRIS "OF OURS."—(MRS. GIBSON.)



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