

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT OF THE TORONTO WORLD

Figure-skating has had a great boom in Toronto this season, and the committee of the Toronto Skating Club are making arrangements to secure the services of a professional from Germany for next year, who has been recommended by Mr. Arthur Hold, professional of the Minto Skating Club, Ottawa.

The proceeds of the large ball that will be given at the Arena Gardens will be used towards the necessary expense of bringing him out.

Those wishing to secure invitations should make application at once to Mr. A. A. Burrows, secretary-treasurer, 120 Bedford road, in writing, as the number is limited.

Mrs. McCoy, formerly of Sherbourne street, will receive in her new home, the Ellington, 60 East Gerrard street, on Monday, March 31, and the following Monday, and not again.

General and the Misses Lessard have taken Mr. and Mrs. Holloway's house at Paradise Grove, Niagara-on-the-Lake, for the summer. Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Robert Robertson having left for abroad.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Booth to Mr. William Croft will take place on Wednesday, April 3, at 2:30 o'clock, in St. Paul's Church, East Bloor street.

The Canadian Academy of Music will produce "The Yeomen of the Guard" at the Royal Alexandra Theatre on the week of April 14, in aid of the I.O.D.E. Pre-ventorium for Consumptive Children.

Mr. and Mrs. Chatten Stephens of Montreal spent Easter with the Hon. A. E. and Mrs. Kemp.

Mr. H. McMillan spent Easter in Atlantic City.

Miss Marilla Langley was the hostess of a miscellaneous shower for Miss Marion Douglas last week.

Mrs. Gus Dunn of Westmount was the hostess of a small tea on Wednesday at the Alexandra.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Walker have returned from Atlantic City.

Miss Helen (Birdie) Luttrell, the young Toronto actress, sailed from New York last week en route to the continent to feature in a playlet entitled "Every Wife."

Mrs. Edmund Bristol is giving a bridge on Tuesday, April 1.

The marriage takes place this afternoon in St. Andrew's Church, King street, of Miss Annie Gertrude Warnock to Mr. Edward Sturges Dinckel. A reception will be held afterwards at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. John W. Garvin, 182 Glen road.

The Oratorio Society will give concerts in Massey Hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

A charity bridge of 100 tables will be given this afternoon at 2:30 in Columbus Hall, under the auspices of the Rosary Hall Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Ramsay have returned from St. Catharines.

The marriage was solemnized at St. Mark's Church, Cowan avenue, on Thursday, by Rev. Leslie W. Armitage, of Miss Edith Llewellyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans, 152 Dowling avenue, to Mr. John Patterson McNair, son of the late K. McNair and Mrs. McNair. The church was decorated with palms and white flowers. The wedding music was played by Mr. Perrin. Miss Dorothy Shaver singing "Love's Coronation" and the organ playing "The Rose Tree" and receiving a pair of pearl and peridot earrings from the groom. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very pretty in her gown of white duchess satin, embroidered with pearls, and draped with a heart-shaped hanging lace: tulle veil, with orange blossoms, and bouquet of white roses, with a shower of lily of the valley. Her father looked very pretty in his gown of white duchess satin, embroidered with pearls, and draped with a heart-shaped hanging lace: tulle veil, with orange blossoms, and bouquet of white roses, with a shower of lily of the valley.

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The Gohyaku Club was entertained on Thursday by Miss Ethel Taves at 30 Pearson avenue. The prizes were won by Miss Mildred Ford, Miss Edna Horn, Miss George Donaldson, Mr. George Lyons. Others present were Miss Stella Ridge, Miss Bessie Ross, Miss Jean Mitchell, Miss Maud Stephenson, Mrs. W. A. Hise, Mr. H. A. Rau, Mr. R. Hughes, Mr. Spangenberg, Mr. Wm. Pengelly, Mr. Webster Beavethick, Mr. Jas. Pollock.

A WINDSOR LADY'S APPEAL.

To All Women: I will send free with full instructions, my home treatment which positively cures Leucorrhoea, Uterine Displacements, Falling of the Womb, Painful or Irregular Periods, Uterine and Ovarian Tumors, Growths, also Hot Flashes, Nervousness, Melancholy, Pains in the Head, Back or Bowels, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, where caused by weakness peculiar to our sex. You can continue treatment at home at a cost of only about 12 cents a week. My book, "Woman's Own Medical Adviser," also sent free on request. Write today. Address Mrs. M. Summers, Box H 65, Windsor, Ont.

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The Daily Hint From Paris



A RUSSIAN DRESS.

There seems to be no waning of the Russian idea and its charm still holds. The one sketched here shows a combination of Russian and modern, and the under blouse has a high collar and long sleeves of black fluted voile, with a plain black satin skirt.

Over this is the Russian blouse of the red, edged along the closing line, with fancy braid, showing black, gray for the girle and cuffs. The closing line is made with steel buttons and steel-colored metallic braid.

her attractive new home, on Pine avenue. The house was extremely effective, huge vases of fragrant narcissus, daffodils and other spring flowers, were blooming in profusion in the various rooms. Mrs. Stephens was assisted in receiving by her mother-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Stephens. The daintily appointed table was bright with spring bloom, and here the hostess' mother, Mrs. Kemp, presided. Assisting in the duties of the afternoon were Mrs. Geo. Williamson, Mrs. J. C. Meakin and Miss Hazel Allan.

The annual meeting of the ladies of the Lambton Golf and Country Club will be held this afternoon at 3:30; C.P.R. station, Toronto at 2:45. Tea will be served after the meeting.

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Grand Opera Prima Donna is Looking For a Good Voice.

WILL TEST THEM HERE

Girl Who is Chosen is Guaranteed an Engagement Next Year.

Bessie Abbott, the grand opera prima donna, who will pay her visit to Canada during next week, is looking for a voice. She has been commissioned by the directors of the De Koven Opera Company to find a young singer who can occasionally relieve her of the strain of singing "Maid Marian," in "Rob Roy" eight times a week. The De Koven Opera Company was organized by wealthy musicians in New York, to foster a taste for light opera. For that purpose a prize of \$1000 was offered for the best singer who could sing "Maid Marian" during her tour in the States. Over three hundred books have been received, and the judges will announce their decision before the first of May. The libretto that wins the prize will be set to music by Reginald De Koven, and the work will be produced early next season.

It is now the purpose of the De Koven Opera Company to found a singing school that will be awarded to the ideal singer that comes nearest to the ideal that has been set by Miss Abbott. The American prima donna has been told of the great beauty of Canfield voices, and while in Berlin she heard with pleasure the voices of Francis MacLennan, both Canadian, who are now members of the Royal Opera House in Berlin. Miss Abbott during her tour in the States has listened to a great many singers, but none of them have come up to her requirements. She wishes to find a soprano with a lyric voice and an attractive presence. The fortunate possessor of that rare combination will be guaranteed an engagement with the De Koven Opera Company.

During her stay in Toronto Miss Abbott will hear all applicants who care to sing for her, and she will be pleased to make an appointment with those who leave their address at the Princess Theatre. She will be assisted in the task by the musical director of the De Koven Opera Company, Frank Tours, who is also a talented composer.

Miss Abbott realizes the difficulties that attend the beginnings of a young singer who wishes to make a career on the operatic stage. It was with early struggles in view that she persuaded the De Koven Opera Company to found a scholarship, and if the result justifies it, a conservatory of music as well will be organized by the directors. Miss Abbott began her career in musical comedy, and it was a chance meeting with Jean de Reszke, the great Polish tenor, that she was enabled to realize her ambition of singing in grand opera. She made her debut with him as Juliette, and after a season at the Opera Comique, in Paris, she was engaged to sing at the Metropolitan Opera House, in New York, where she shared the roles in the repertoire with Marcella Sembrich.

Miss Abbott believes that really good voices are rare. In trying voices for "Maid Marian" more than 200 were sent to her from musical clubs and societies. Only a few have a full, round tone, and a young girl goes to Europe to study, declares Miss Abbott, before they have mastered the rudiments of singing. Some vocal teacher coaches them in repertory and secures one or two apprentices for them—if they have enough money. A critic or two have it all. The result is always a disappointment. In the end, it is for young singers for the De Koven Opera Company. Those who show promise will be given an opportunity to prove their worth on the stage.

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The native spruces, especially the white spruce, make very good hedge plants, altho the Norway spruce is more often used. The spruces are better than the balsam fir for hedge purposes. The best time to plant the spruce is in the spring before growth begins. Trees from eighteen inches to two feet high give the best satisfaction, or woods. The tops may be cut back when planting to make them all the same height, but no further pruning is necessary for the first year. If the soil is in fair condition, no fertilizer is necessary, but it should be dug before the trees are planted.

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THE GARDEN CONDUCTED BY RACHEL R. TODD M.D.

For a Southern Exposure.

Admiral Jones Geranium, white snapdragon, S. A. Nutt Geranium;

five plants of belltrope; white maurandya vine, white maurandya vine.

The maurandya vine has no equal as a drooping creeper. Its blossoms,

shaped like a snapdragon, white, pink or lavender, an inch long, borne

in the axils of the leaves, are very profuse. The leaves, smooth, shining,

ivy-shaped, are rich green. For rockwork, vases, low trellises or window

boxes, it forms a pretty screening drapery, very attractive.

The vine grows readily from seed, germinating in twelve days; transplants,

as soon as the vine shows six to eight leaves; water well, and occasionally

lend a helping hand to the creeping tendrils. Flowering constantly from April,

the vine will become shabby and should be replaced by a fresh plant about

July.

Note the color scheme of this box. Each color blends with the other;

the two dark reds of the geraniums (both darkest cardinal), do not clash

with each other, or with the rich purple of the belltrope. The greens are

all of the heliotrope. The greens are all soft, fading from light misty tints,

to dark cloudy tones given by the rough leaves of the belltrope.

The vines giving daintily from the front of the box give the necessary

breadth adding their share of bloom. The five healthy heliotrope plants,

kept nicely trimmed, and straggling, give a pinch of color to the whole,

being sprinkled; watch this plant for any little vermin. It is a good plan

to have the box once in a while with a medicated solution.

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