#### VOICE OF THE TELEPHONE.

"Hello, central!" I must own When I take the telephone From the hook there, that I am Ill at ease;

As a low, sweet voice I hear, Falling on my ravished ear, "Number, please?"

One could fancy from the tone
Of the voice there at the 'phone
That the girl could be the idol
Of his heart;
Sweet and smiling soul beguiling

Sweet and smiling soul beguiling, Just the one to set a'flying Cupid's dart.

But cool reason, gently chiding, Tells me I should keep in hiding, And not seek to find the owner Of the voice;

For she's probably quite homely, Or, if reasonably comely,

Not so choice.

### PERSONAL GUSSIP.

The closing assembly of the Iolantha club will be given in the Philharmonic Hall, Friday evening, April 7th.

A fashionable wedding has been announced to take place in Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday, April, 5th.

Mr. F. B. Williams and Mrs. Smith, will be married Sunday in St. Andrew's Cathedral by Rev. Father Nicolaye.

The Victoria Canoe Club will hold an auction sale of racks, at 2 p. m., Saturday, at the Club House, James Bay.

Quite an interest is being taken in the cruise of the Victoria Canoe Club, which takes place on Saturday afternoon, April 8th. A large turn out of the members of the Club is assured if the weather is any way favorable.

The Samaritan Ball, on Tuesday evening April 4th, in the Philharmonic Hall, promises to be quite a pleasant affair. The ladies of the committee are untiring in their effor; s to make it successful and worthy of the object for which it is gotten up.

On Wednesday, April 5th, the Young People's Christian E deavor Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, will give a concert in the schoolroom, Broughton street. A good programme has been prepared and if talent ensures success the concert should be an enjoyable one. The following persons have consented to take part: Madame Laird, Mrs. Belyea, Mrs. W. W. Clark, Miss O'Neill. Messrs. J. G. Brown, Godfrey Booth and A. Brownlee, vocalists; Misses Laura Adams, Edith Wilson, and F. Leitch, piano; Mr. Earnest Wolff, L. C. M., violin; Prof. Geddes, guitar; and Mr. Wm. Allan a recitation. The young ladies of the church will appear in some tableax.

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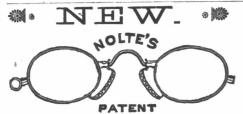
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