

Fashion Notes and Notions.

By PENELOPE.

Always the same Fashions, but new wearers, have passed before my vision during the last week. I left Johannesburg on the eve of the snow storm and the journey was a cold one, and did not get much warmer even when we approached Durban, and the whole week has been one of cold winds. Very little is to be seen of the usual summer attire associated with Durban, as most of our Johannesburg friends are wearing their old winter clothes, some even being muffled in furs. Heady and bronchial colds are the order of the day but the sun is shining and the air looks still and promising as I write, so that perhaps the second half of my holiday may be better than the first.

This has been a gay week for dancers, the great event was the Jewish Ladies' Ball in the Town Hall, which is always a brilliant affair, notable for lovely decorations beautifully dressed women and a perfectly wonderful supper. The crowd was so great this year that it was almost impossible to tell t'other from which and dancing was a difficult achievement.

Another very super posh affair is the Annual Ball in the Durban Club. This was attended by the Vice Regal party and was a wonderful affair. All the hotels were crowded out for the event and tables were booked weeks ahead for pre-ball dinner parties. The Marine Hotel was gay with beautifully clothed women and some of the gowns were positively dazzling.

The Art Exhibition.

The Governor-General and Princess Alice are very popular in Durban, as they go about in an informal sort of way, participating in most of the shows and are seen all over the place. I saw them paying an informal visit to the Exhibition of Pictures at Shaw's the other day and they were most interested in the pictures, which I, personally, do not think as good as last year. There are some very good pictures by Roworth on a smaller scale than those usually by him and much more in keeping with the means of the average purchaser in this country, and Pierneef shows some fine work. I particularly loved his pictures of Holland, one a Church Spire towering over a town and showing up vividly against a golden sunset was perfectly beautiful and badly desired by me. Eric Meyer has a very few pictures, each one a gem in its own way. He is one of the earnest and ambitious workers who believes that an artist should not show too much of his work but study all the time, going to nature for lessons and only giving of his best. Anton van Wouw has a number of delightful specimens of his work on view and I noticed that Princess Alice seemed to be irresistibly attracted to his exhibits. Timlin's fantastic fancies were, as always, delightful and some nice work was shown by Marcelle Piltau, of Pretoria.

Musical Circles in Durban have been delighting in the visit of Isobel Maclaren and Jenny Sonnenberg is due this week end. Owen Nares and Marie Pollini are staying at the Marine, but leave this week. They are simply delightful with their chil-

dren, two most attractive boys; they have drawn packed houses every night.

In the Water.

The beach is not nearly as crowded as usual and sea bathing has not been frightfully popular during the past few days, though to-day there were quite a number in the sea. Figures look so frightfully extreme in bathing dress, the fat people seem to be all bulges and the thin ones all edges. Two of the first mentioned type looking very overfed stood together in the shallow end of the sea this morning, and dipped to the waves. They would have been less noticeable, further in and not so close to each other.

The Chorean Band plays twice daily at the Kenilworth there are several changes in the personelle, and the afternoon tea dances seem to be quite popular. There has been a lot of the usual talk about the Eisteddfod contests which are just over. Johannesburg girls have done very well and carried off a number of prizes. Little Valerie Franks and Dinks Albrecht, both clever children and pupils of Ida Patlansky and Dorothy Morrison were among the successful candidates.

Shopping in Durban.

The Durban shops are full of lovely clothes and the streets are so wide that it pays to dress the windows. Durban is a thoroughly well run town, all the big departmental stores have excellent tea rooms with pretty waitresses and the show rooms are well arranged.

Colour seems to be very popular this season and some of the designs in ribbons and other dress accessories are striking in their artistic blendings. The curio shops always attract large crowds of up-country visitors and a woman I know told me that there is a tremendous run on those attractive little bags made of plaited and coloured grass. Yesterday when she was buying one Princess Alice and her suite came in and bought quite a number. We have so few local industries that we are able to support that our few ought to be well advertised. There are some wonderful ostrich feather capes and wraps on sale and one I saw was of dark brown feathers and so pretty and soft looking.

The new road past the Country Club and to the Lagoon is open now and is for the present the favourite drive, it is right along the coast line.

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THE "CHRONICLE" CAKE No. 891.

Writing from her chambers, Mrs. Adv. Bertha Solomon says: "Many thanks for your cake, and even more for your good wishes. 'The Dainty' was much appreciated by a strictly legal gathering."

Friendship is the great claim of human society and intercourse of letters is one of the chiefest links of that chain.—J. Howell.

Spend no time in stating the qualifications of a man of virtue, but endeavour to get them.—Marcus Aurelius.

CROUP.

Every young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemist shops are usually closed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails, acts quickly, and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all dealers.