

a fall into a boiling cauldron would soon have terminated his existence.

We sat on a fallen log and watched two geysers, named the "Twins," play, and listened to what is called "The Donkey Engine," which keeps up a continual hammering night and day. The ground in many places was so hot that we could feel the warmth through our shoes. There is lovely coloring all along the valley. Many shades of red and pink, and beautiful tints of green.

Next day we drove three miles to see the Arateatea Rapids. We left the trap at the edge of the bush, and scrambled after our guide. It was certainly very rough work but we felt amply repaid by what we saw. Lovely blue water tumbling over huge rocks, becoming as it reached the bottom a seething mass of beautiful feathery white foam.

One day was spent at Tanpo, six miles beyond Wairakie. On the way we left the coach at the foot of a hill and climbed a mile to see what is called a "Blow-hole." An immense body of steam issues with terrific force from an opening about eighteen inches across. It is a sort of safety valve for that part. We returned to the trap and resumed our journey. The scenery was very pretty as we followed the Waikato River by a winding road. We passed the Huka Falls, which are very beautiful.

We lunched at a place named the Spa, such a pretty garden. The bedrooms open out upon verandas; the buildings being dotted about in various parts of the grounds, giving a most informal look. We dined in an old Maori house, filled with wonderful carving, and supported in the middle by a figure of a huge god, Laupo Lake is a lovely blue, and most extensive.

I met tourists from various parts of the world, and was much amused by some English ladies who were greatly disgusted at what they called the hardship of travelling in New Zealand. I reminded them that it was a new country, and that they must expect to rough it. But I must confess the coaches are very uncomfortable, and one is painfully conscious of possessing a spine after a long journey.

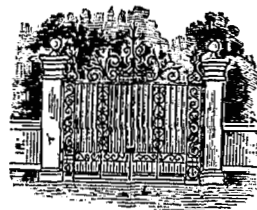
Yours faithfully,
MOANA.

An Interesting Hobby.

UNDER the title of the "Library of Useful Stories" an excellent little series of books is being published by Messrs. George Newnes, Limited, Southampton Street, Strand. The books are being written by experts in the subjects upon which they treat, and are prettily bound in blue cloth, while the moderate price of one shilling per volume brings them within reach of all. The most recent addition to the series is the "Story of Photography," by Alfred T. Story; and the little book which is full of interesting and useful information on this subject, aims at presenting the subject in its scientific aspect, rather than of teaching photography as an art. To those who are interested in the extraordinary development of photography within the last half century, and to the many amateur photographers who desire their work to be something more than mechanical and commonplace, the book will be of much interest. Nurses could scarcely indulge in a more interesting hobby than photography, and we hope that those who do take up this interesting pastime will not forget, when they take a photograph of nursing interest, to post a copy of it to the NURSING RECORD.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



ON Thursday the 30th ult., a most successful meeting "To consider the methods best calculated to secure the extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to Women," was held at the Royal Mint, upon the invitation of Mrs. Roberts Austen. The Hon. Mrs. Arthur Pelham took the chair, and she was supported by Mrs. Russell Cooke, Mrs. Cotterell Lapp, Mrs. Carmichael Stopes, and Mr. William Johnston, M.P. Mrs. Roberts Austen made a short but most eloquent appeal to the women present to realise that, however they might attempt to disguise the fact, being disfranchised they were slaves, an intolerable position for self-respecting human beings to realise without resistance; she resented the degradation of women's present position, and described it as "contrary to every British instinct."

In this connection, it is an interesting truth, that upon his release from penal servitude, the notorious Dr. Collins would be eligible to vote, and thus to help to make laws, decent women would be compelled to obey!

THE young Empress of Russia cannot prevent the ladies of her Court from smoking, but she has begged they will not do so in her presence, wherever she may be.

THE Duchess of Sutherland is the new president of the Society of Women Journalists, her predecessors have been Mrs. Craigie, the Hon. Mrs. Henniker, and, lastly, Mrs. Meynell, whose year of office has just expired.

A MOST interesting exhibition of women's work will open at the Hague to-day. It has been organized by the women of Holland to celebrate the accession to the throne of their young Queen, and there is every prospect of it being a great success. It is to continue open until September, and doubtless will be visited by women of many nations during this time. English-women who purpose visiting the Exhibition are invited to communicate with Miss Kramers, 16, Rortemaer Straat, Rotterdam, who will put them in communication with members of the Hospitality Committee. The exhibition will include the departments of women's work in agriculture, science, hygiene, housewifery and cookery, floriculture, the poultry yard and bee farming, social work, literature, commerce, plastic arts, photography, music and dramatic art, history, textile trades, education, home industries, technical arts and sports.

BESIDES the Home industries, the Dutch Indian Colonies will also be represented, and from South America, the ladies of Paramaribo and Curacao are sending representative exhibits. The exhibition will be one of the most complete which has ever been made of Women's Work, and we congratulate our Dutch Sisters upon their public-spirited enthusiasm, and most heartily wish all success to the Exhibition.

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