

children. We had a most enjoyable supper party and wondered what Geoff was having for dinner. No doubt some wonderful dishes. My Aunt and her family live in a big house with a basement and three floors. My Aunt has the top floor and Zennie and his family the rest of the house with the exception of the basement which I think is let. They do all their own work and say they prefer the large house rather than a small house which in any case would be hard to come by.

The following day, Thursday, we went to the Ideal Home Exhibition at Earls Court. A very fine show in this outside hall. You can imagine the size when I tell you that apart from several houses in the hall there are gardens laid out and woodland scenes. The houses etc. are only temporary as during the year the hall is used for horse jumping competitions, battle scene sports etc.

Apart from the houses etc. there were all sorts of other items to see all connecting with the home, stoves, fridges, furniture etc. The show was very good and interesting but very tiring and here we again met the Cartridges who had done the Bloemfontein trip with us. Some years we went to Earls Court again to see some other show. If I remember rightly it was a naval battle scene with water and waves and ships. I can imagine the number of people that can be accommodated when I tell you that on the afternoon we went the weather was not too good and the man said there were only 5000 in the Hall and to us it looked empty.

That evening we went to our first play "The Heiress" at the Haymarket in which Wendy Hellier was to have taken the leading part, but being indisposed, her stand-in had to take over and did this very well and received a wonderful applause at the final curtain. We thoroughly enjoyed the show and were the fine acting of Wendy's stand-in.

As we had had a good midday meal we decided to make do with sandwiches 'Before Theatre' sandwiches and tea in the Smoke room of the theatre hotel down stairs, they were very good and made a first class supper.

The next day Friday I took some material to a hat shop to have a hat made for Edith to match her coat and this was to cost 2½ guineas and which I am sure she will like. Poor soul she has not got much money to spend on hats.

We then wandered around enjoying the sights and finished up after our first look at Trafalgar Square, where there seemed to be more pigeons than ever, at the National Art Gallery. Here there were hundreds of people and we found it very tiring but at the same time seeing the many paintings - some of which one wondered what they represented or how they managed to be hung. However there are benches in all the rooms so that one can sit now and again to enjoy some fine work of art.

Having had a good look at all the paintings at six o'clock we met Miss Crump, our friendly receptionist at the Regent, and took her first of all to a small Spanish Restaurant for supper and then caught a bus to Victoria where we went to the Westminster Theatre and saw somebody Robson in 'Black Chiffon' It was a very good show but I did not like the ending as the poor thing was imprisoned for three months for shop lifting. The Black Chiffon Nightie. Anyway we glad to have been able to entertain Miss Crump as she has always looked after us when ever we have booked rooms. When we told her we had to go the Steyne Hotel on one occasion she said why had we not asked for her as she would have fixed us up.

Today the 1st of April I woke up feeling blue - I could not tell you why. Anyway we had a good dinner down stairs and then after a visit to have a good hair do I felt fine.

The next day, Sunday, we took a long walk to St. James park, It is remarkable how quiet London can be on a Sunday with very