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AN INGENIOUS CLOCK.



Who, amongst our readers has not, at one time or another admired the lovely floral clock, which is one of the chief attractions in the gardens of the Kursaal at Interlaken.

Well there is no need anymore to travel hundreds of miles just to see a clock of this kind.

Our good friend, Mr. René Marchand, of Messrs. Marchand & Jobin Ltd., 100, Hatton Garden, E.C.3. has, to mark the recent Coronation, built in his garden in Hayes Road, Bromley, a clock like this, but he has gone one better, that whilst the flower clock at Interlaken strikes only, his also strikes and chimes.

Every 15 minutes its chimes echo down the road, but that isn't all, it also plays a tune, and what is still more important, we are told it keeps perfect time, which is not surprising considered that Mr. Marchand is in the watch and clock trade.

This floral clock which is worked by electricity has a concrete base, and the flowers consist of tropical plants which include Alter-Nantheras, Echeverias, Mesembrianthemus, with foliage of varying shades of green, beech-brown, yellow and red, and is surmounted by the Royal Cypher, and bears the inscription: "MAY IT PLEASE HER MAJESTY".

Now a clock of this kind might easily become a bit of a nuisance, disturbing the well earned rest of the neighbours. To avoid this, a mechanical device has been introduced stopping the chiming "when shadows fall".

We have read in the local papers this clock has caused quite a stir in Bromley, buses and cars frequently drawing into the kerb to give their occupants a chance to inspect same.

For next year our friend has already developed a plan for more elaborate mechanism and design, and we feel sure that it will cause another stir in Bromley.

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