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WEDDING CUSTOMS

comply with the old adage, in wearing: Something old and something new Something borrowed and something blue

Monday for health.

Tuesday for wealth, Wednesday the best day of all! Thursday for crosses, Friday for losses, Saturday no luck at all.

Yet custom and convenience have changed the superstition about the day of the week, and Saturday is frequently chosen. Instances are known where brides who have chosen a day in defiance of the old verse have met with prosperity

have met with reverses of fortunes.

Another tradition, which is not always true in its fulfilment is :

Who changes the name and not the letter.

Marries for worse and not for better. And still another which is foreboding that day, she may yet go forward with and which originated, no doubt, as a warning to those who would bid defiance heart the strength and loyalty which to proper custom, runs thus:

If married in Lent You are sure to repent.

Contradictory at is may seem, a few Brides who wish to be lucky always tears shed by a bride on the wedding day are supposed to signify happiness in future.

It is claimed that a bride who would An old rhyme guides many a bride be lucky must not try on the entire in the choice of the wedding day: bridal costume, veil and all, before the time to dress for the wedding; nor must she permit the bridegroom to see her in her bridal array until he meets her at the altar, or very near that hour.

The bridesmaid who is so fortunate as to catch the bride's bouquet when she tosses it among ber bridesmaids, before going away, will be the first one to be married.

An old saying is, "three times a bridesmaid never a bride," yet a popular girl may be chosen and may accept while those who have conformed to the in spite of this rule, but must then serve rule in selecting the "best day of all," seven or nine times as bridesmaid in order to do away with the superstition.

"Happy is the bride that the sun shines on," is an ancient saying. Although the good omen of sunshine is one for which a bride looks on the wedding day, she may feel that even if clouds threaten, or storms break on sweet hope and courage, bearing in her will make a radiance of sunlight in the life she is about to enter.

-The Delineator.

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WITNESSING FOR CHRIST.

before My Father Which is in heaven. ciple who denied Him, when by word fore men, him will I also deny before own allegiance only to the world, and My Father Which is in heaven.-St. care nothing for the Name that is above Matt. x.: 32, 33.

These are words of solemn warninghow do they affect us? We cannot wronged Master, as it brought St. help joining ourselves to one party or Peter? It is every Christian's duty to help joining ourselves to one party or the other. If we are not plainly con- witness for Christ wherever he may be, fessing Christ as our Master, we must using the marvellous power of personal be denying Him. It is so easy to accuse St. Peter of disloyalty and want of in the immediate neighborhood, reachcourage because he denied any connection with the despised Nazarene, but are we always bold and decided in our loyalty to Him ourselves? Have we never laughed at a joke or an amusing story of which we really disapproved, just because we were afraid of being considered over-strict? Are we ashamed to have regular family prayer-that wonderful help to family love and unity any infidel, for a faith which evid--because it is not considered exactly ently does not influence those who pro-"the thing" in our circle? Do we give fess it must seem to outsiders a hollow up our usual attendance at church or sham and mockery-simply a fashion-Sunday school when we have visitors able pretence. Those who name the who are inclined to ridicule that sort of Name of Christ should have that Name

"If He were here!" Well, is He not Whosever, therefore, shall confess here? Does he not look at us some-ME before men, him will I confess also times as He looked at that other dis-But whosevver shall deny ME be- or look or silence we pretend that we every name? Does that loving look always bring us back to the side of a influence for Him, first at home, then ing out steadily, farther and farther by prayer, active work and sympathy "unto the uttermost parts of the earth." But half-hearted, lukewarm disciples do more harm to the cause of Christ than any amount of outside opposition. Those who have no enthusiasm for their Master do more to make people think there is no truth in Christianity than

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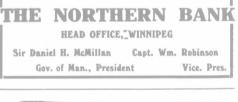
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