

**THE WEDDING GOWN OF PRINCESS MARY**

Short sleeves and a long skirt are the outstanding features of Princess Mary's magnificent wedding gown, the design for which the King and Queen the other day gave their approval.

This radical departure from prevailing fashion is due to the insistence of the Queen that the Princess follow her example.

A gorgeous court train four yards long will be in striking contrast to the simple tulle veil which will be arranged off the bride's face to fall in graceful fullness over the back of the gown to the hem of her dress.

A description of the gown has been furnished by Reville, Europe's most famous dressmaker who has achieved an artistic triumph in his handling of the

famous English point lace which was worn by Queens Mary and Victoria, and also by the latter's mother, the Duchess of Kent, at their wedding.

The lace will be worn over specially woven ivory colored satin. The elbow length sleeves will also be of the same lace. It will also fall from beneath the arms in deep cascades to the skirt hem, giving a graceful and pleasing effect.

The gown is cut with a modern "V" in front, with the lace draped over the shoulders at the back in the shape of a priest's cope. The court train is of silver cloth on one side, with white satin on the reverse. It will be heavily embroidered with deep silver border, in designs emblematic of the chosen flowers of the British Empire, including the Maple Leaf of Canada.

**BEWARE OF FEBRUARY**

Beware of February! Canadians should consider carefully the order of their going during the first three months of the year, for vital statistics for the Dominion just published, show that the most fatal months of the year are the first three. Most deaths occur in February.

Dr. J. A. Amyot, deputy minister of health, says:

"The human system becomes peculiarly susceptible to these diseases (pneumonia and bronchitis) about February, because that is the month of greatest exhaustion after the hard winter. I imagine, also, that people about then are getting down to a fixed diet in which there is not enough green stuff, such as lettuce, cabbages and so on. The cattle at that time also are probably get-

ting less green feed than at any other time, and so the milk does not supply the lack. The vital resources are getting exhausted after the hard fight against the cold."

"The best precaution to take is for a man to go home to bed as soon as he gets a cold. He will save time by doing it. A few days then will save a week later, and possibly prevent a condition that may develop into bronchitis or pneumonia."

The man who says that if everybody would smile it would help make times better is right to some extent, but if everybody will work hard and not be extravagant it will help a good deal more.

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No. 97 From Halifax, arrives	6.17 p. m.
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**Florence---Birthplace of Artists**



Seen from the top of the Viale dei Colli that curves gently yet with a magnificent sweep up to the Piazzale Michelangelo, among flowering bushes and pleasant gardens, and from the various hills of S. Miniato, Florence stretches out like a woman in her beauty, between the two banks of the Arno.

It is not astonishing that this fair land should have been the mother of genius, grace and power. As we breathe the air of Florence and inhale the joyousness of its landscape, and listen to the vivacious, picturesque speech of the inhabitants, we feel that Florence and the whole of Tuscany is indeed the birthplace of poets and artists; that here art and poetry are spontaneous things, of the same nature as the water that springs from the sources of the Arno.

How could the Florence of today banish the memory of Dante? The greatest of all Italians, exiled by the wickedness of his contemporaries. And their descendants, as if to make amends for the ingratitude meted out to him, have carved his verse in marble on their street corners.

The house where Galileo Galilei lived and thought cannot be visited without emotion, especially the Villa at Arcetri, where the great scientist spent his last days in blindness and ill health, whence we can also enjoy a panorama of exquisite beauty and peacefulness; and the house of Buonarroti where a nephew of the divine Michelangelo has gathered together a precious collection of his great ancestor's works.

Florence has not yet reached the status of a great city; on the contrary it has remained a somewhat provincial town, but tram-cars now run all through its streets and give it animation without spoiling in the least the charm of the ancient buildings, of the marvellous loggie, of the churches and palaces built by the generosity of the Medici to the great glory of the "city of the lily."

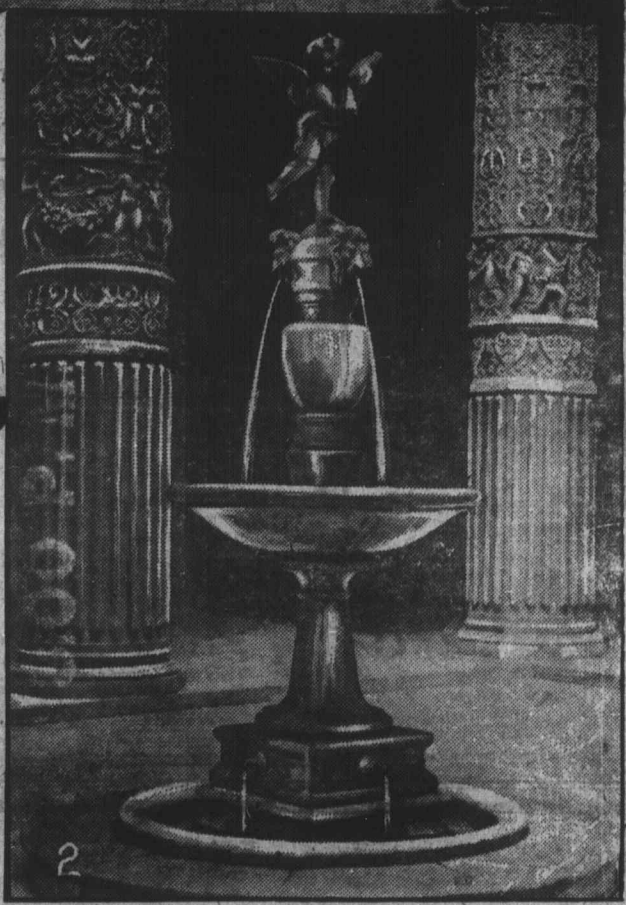
Industry has not yet invaded Florence as is the case in the northern towns of Italy, although the production of art works is still an important factor, while the art of manufacturing silk and wool was a source of great prosperity in the time of the Medici.

Florence, the mother of Art, gave birth and hospitality to innumerable Italian and foreign artists: Cimabue, Giotto, Masaccio, Botticelli, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Andrea del Sarto amongst painters; Lucaerna Donatello, the two Della Robbia, Michelangelo, Benvenuto Cellini and Sansovino amongst the sculptors.

Arnolfo di Cambio, the first architect of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto Orcagna, the great Brunelleschi, who built the beautiful cupola of the cathedral; Leon Battista Alberti and Sangallo amongst the architects.

The churches and palaces of Florence, its streets and squares, museums and galleries, make up a collection of art treasures without rival even among the famous collections of the world.

As we visit the Palazzo Vecchio, the Rooms of the 12th and 15th century, the apartments of Leo X., the Prior's Chapel, and the abode of a thousand other treasures such as the Galleria degli Uffizi, Palazzo Pitti, the Accademia, the Old and Modern Galleries, the National Museums, Bargello and the other Florentine



(1) Florence, Italy, showing the Bridges over the River Arno.  
(2) A water fountain in front of the opera house.

collections, our minds are literally saturated with beauty. But no one can have a complete idea of Florence without making an excursion beyond the outskirts of the town, where the surroundings possess great beauty of landscape and a charm which is not easily found elsewhere. A day at Piesole, where the ruins of the Roman theatre are still in existence, is a joy not soon forgotten. Then, climbing up to Belosguardo, we can enjoy a perfect panorama. Further on we find Signa with its terra cotta factory and Oecia where the well-known Ginori china is made. Nor should Settignano, cradle of the sculptor's art of the great Mino, be forgotten nor Vincigliata, or Vallombrosa, majestic buildings of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, and those of the later Renaissance and "baroque" period, with their fantastically decorated facades and geraniums in perpetual bloom at their windows constitutes the most fascinating feature of Florence. Everything has been rebuilt on antique lines; the foundations have been scratched of buildings that were no more, so that they might be accurately restored. Facing the Pretorian Palace, situated in the Frugitore Tower, and used

as a prison and place of execution, in the thirteenth century, the houses that belonged to the Alighieri have been exhumed. Patient research work, spreading over periods of years, has rediscovered the foundations, the main walls and some stone coats-of-arms belonging to the Alighieri and other noble families of Florentine merchant princes, among others the Adimari and Donati. The houses which existed when the great poet was born have been brought to life again in all the splendour of their architecture and decoration and have been surrounded by a magnificent railing of beaten iron. The red robe of the first great Italian citizen can almost be heard rustling within those rooms as one passes through its stained-glass windows.

The Medici Palace, the residence of the Medici at the height of their power, bears witness to their blood-stained oppression and stolen plunder, which the poetic gifts and gentle nature of one of their race, Laurence the Magnificent, have not been sufficient to obliterate.

And the Pazzi Palace, the stronghold of the implacable enemies of the Medici, an imposing square mass, also stands as a warning against injustice and tyranny.

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