

household to which it is sent. The conventional "and family" is interpreted to mean the younger members of the household. If there is a daughter who has recently entered society, her name should be written with that of her parents on the inside envelope. If one or more daughters have been in society for two or three seasons, a separate card should be addressed "The Misses ——" or "Miss ——" as the case may be. This is then included in the same outer envelope with the other card.

**The
Presents.**

Presents may be sent at any time after the invitation is received. They are always sent to the bride, addressed with her maiden name in care of her parents or guardian. The bride acknowledges them at once in a short, graceful note of thanks, written on heavy, unlined white or cream paper, with her monogram or initial at the top.

There can be no form of note for acknowledging a wedding gift, for the reason that all notes differ according to degrees of friendship, intimacy or mere acquaintanceship, but personal notes must be written by the bride herself to all who are so kind as to send gifts. There must be no duplicate notes. The notes must be brief but must be cordial. It is well to refer particularly to the gift in some pleasant way. Brides who receive a very large number of presents frequently keep a list and check off the names as soon as the notes of thanks are written. This prevents mistakes or omissions.

Presents may be sent direct from the store wrapped in white paper and tied with narrow ribbon. The card of the sender is attached by white baby ribbon. The bridegroom's present to the bride is generally a Jewel. Her family usually presents her with something in silver, as does his family.