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The Significance of the Old Shoe—Why June is More Popular Than May—The Wedding Ring.

(Toronto Mail and Empire)
Since very ancient times, and for a reason not yet understood, June has been the favorite month for marrying, and May one of the most unpopular. Quoth the old poet:—

Marry in May
And rue the day
so he or somebody else quoth to this effect:—

Mary in June
All life be tune

Probably some superstition was responsible for these beliefs, for in the seasonal life of the ancients we perceive no sufficient reason for June marriages that would not apply to May. Therefore, as people have become less superstitious, or rather, as they have grown superstitious about different things, they still have acquired the habit of marrying in May and take their chances about ruling the day. They have not



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wholly shaken free from the belief that June is the best month for marrying. Correcting Ovid.

One explanation that has been frequently offered and which is perhaps generally accepted by people who accept their theories from newspapers, is that May was deemed an unfortunate month because it had been named in honor of Maia, Mother of Mercury, who was as frail as she was fair, and wanted to be carried off by Cupid after he had become married. Therefore, a name associated with such a hussy, would not be considered of good omen by either man or woman about to perform a serious and lasting act. June, on the

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other hand, was deemed propitious because it was named for Juno, a model of fidelity. It was said that a suspected of having first set forth this theory, but, rarely as we feel ourselves obliged to differ from Ovid, accuracy demands that his mistake should be set forth. May was named by Romulus in honor of the Majors of Senators of Rome, and June was named for the Juniores or Members of the Lower House.

The Old Shoe
The Romans preferred June, but it is said that in ancient times partially for this month never equalled the aversion for May. The Greeks, on the other hand, liked to put a marital bet on January. Nearly all races favor certain climatic conditions for weddings.

The Russians believed that weddings at Easter bring wealth, those at Ascension Day health, at Whit Sunday a large family. Among other old customs to which the month draws attention is that of throwing an old shoe after the bride of after the bride and groom, a shoe that not infrequently inflicts a wound on some more or less innocent bystander or smashes the glass in the back of the automobile.

A Symbol of Obedience
Now, the old shoe custom is one of great antiquity, but while the reasonably certain that while the throwing of the shoe is intended nowadays to mean nothing more than a wish of good luck, it once connoted something more. It indicated the duty of the bride to obey her husband. Among the Jews the shoe used to be carried at the head of the wedding procession. Some Jews had the custom of giving their brides the slight tap with the shoe from time to

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expositors would have them believe. It was the duty of the girl never to remove the ring from her hand until the wedding. Then the bridegroom himself would slip it from a finger of the right hand, where it was worn during the engagement period, and place it on each of the four fingers of the left hand in succession. The symbolism of the ring indicates, from the fact that it has neither beginning nor end, eternity, and in those days this was considered to mean the average duration of love.

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| Gallon Canned Apples | 37c. |
| 2 lbs. Small White Beans | 22c. |
| 1 lb. Clear Fat Pork | 22c. |
| 1 lb. Fancy Shelled Walnuts | 45c. |
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| 4 pkgs. Washing Powder | 25c. |
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LOCAL NEWS

The three-tenement property at 98 St. James street, West End, was offered at auction on Saturday morning at Chubb's corner by Auctioneer I. Webber. The property was withdrawn at \$1,600.

The feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was specially observed at St. Peter's church yesterday morning, when Rev. G. Daly, C.S.S.R., celebrated solemn high mass with Rev. D. M. Coll, C.S.S.R., as deacon, and Rev. G. Coffin, C.S.S.R., as sub-deacon.

A motor-cycle running out of Peters street into Coburg street on Saturday afternoon struck a street cleaner, who stepped from behind his team. The city employee was thrown to the street and cut. He was picked up in a semi-conscious condition and a surgeon called. His injuries are not serious.

In the Waterloo Street Baptist church the newly installed pipe organ was used for the first time yesterday and it was a marked improvement on the former organ. The pipe organ came from the old Congregational church in Union street and took about two weeks to install.

Today is the forty-fourth anniversary of the disastrous St. John fire. The conflagration, which began on the afternoon of June 20, 1877, swept the waterfront streets from York Point to Reed's Point and a large part of the interior of the city, consuming millions of dollars' worth of property.

H. A. Allison, of Calgary, passed through the city last night en route to Calgary from Halifax, where he has been visiting his father, Dr. David Allison. Mr. Allison is a former St. John boy who went out west and made good, being for a time a law partner of R. B. Bennett, K.C. He is now in partnership with W. Taylor, formerly of Fredericton.

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| 20 lb. pail Pure Lard | \$3.15 |
| 4 lb. tin Pure Strawberry Jam | 80c. |
| 4 lb. tin Pure Raspberry Jam | 80c. |
| 2 lbs. New Prunes | 23c. |
| 1 lb. glass Peanut Butter | 22c. |
| 1 lb. tin Maple Butter | 22c. |
| 2 lb. tin Raspberries for | 39c. |
| Finest Pack Lobsters | 35c. |
| California Peaches | 25c. tin |
| 2 tins Finnan Haddie for | 35c. |
| Pure Cocoa 22c. lb. 5 lbs. for | \$1.00 |
| Finest Orange Pekoe Tea 35c. lb. | |
| 3 lbs. for | \$1.00 |
| 6 cakes Gold or Surprise Soap | 48c. |
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| 1 lb. block Best Shortening | 14c. |
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| 5 rolls Toilet Paper | 25c. |
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