

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the clergyman congratulates the newly-made husband and wife, who then turn to receive the felicitations of their families and friends.

The bridesmaids range themselves on each side of the young couple. The best man and ushers busy themselves presenting to the bride the guests who are unknown to her. She presents to her husband those whom he may not know.

The parents of the bride are the real hosts, and all the guests should speak to them, and if possible be presented to the parents of the bridegroom. After a few minutes spent in receiving congratulations the bridal pair lead the way to the dining room.

The Reception. If there is a reception the newly married couple stand together to receive congratulations. The parents of the bride and bridegroom and the bridesmaids remain near.

The bride and bridegroom lead the way to the dining room, the bride's father takes the bridegroom's mother, and the bride's mother goes in with the clergyman; the bridegroom's father takes in some member of the bride's family.

At the close of the wedding supper, the bride's cake is cut by the bride; then she retires to dress for the wedding journey, if one is contemplated.

Serving Refreshments. A noon wedding is followed by a breakfast, at which the guests are seated at tables and served in courses. Where few guests are invited it is a friendly little feast, which may be simple or elaborate as taste and purse dictate. Where many are asked they should be served at small tables, and the breakfast becomes an elaborate function requiring a separate decoration of flowers, fruit,