

The bride comes in last, on the arm of her father, or whoever is to give her away, the bridegroom meets her at the chancel steps. She drops her father's arm, and takes the bridegroom's left arm and they take their places before the clergyman, her father steps back. At the words, "who giveth this woman to be married to this man?" the father steps out and gives her right hand to the clergyman, who in turn places it in that of the bridegroom. Her father now takes his seat with the family.

When the ring is given, the bride hands her glove and bouquet to her maid of honor, who steps forward. The best man takes the ring from his vest pocket and gives it to the bridegroom, who places it on the third finger of the bride's left hand.

The ring should be a plain gold ring, not large enough to interfere with other rings which may be worn on the same finger.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the clergyman offers his congratulations, the bride takes the right arm of her husband, the maid of honor parts the bride's veil and fixes her train, and the bridal party goes out in the reverse order from that in which they entered; the ushers bring up the rear.

Guests do not attempt to leave until after the families of the bride and groom. The best man hurries out, signals the carriages, gives the bridegroom his hat and coat and drives to the bride's home alone, bride and bridegroom driving away together.

The Home Wedding.

A home wedding is always an important affair. The arrangements are similar to those of church weddings, but there are no iron-bound rules. The simplest home wedding, by the exercise of a little taste and care, may be made as attractive as the stateliest church ceremonial.