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# Rules For The Wedding Day

"Lest We Forget"

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HIS is the season for Weddings. There is an old adage which runs something like this:—"Happy is the bride that the sun shines on." That may or may not be true. We do know however, that though it rain or shine, she is a happy bride who knows that all the details that pertain to the wedding are properly arranged. The wedding may be an elaborate Church affair, or a simple home ceremony. The wife-to-be is just as anxious to have everything run smoothly in the one case as in the other. Either is all important to her.

#### Knotty Problems Which Perplex

THE wedding stationery should be pure white and absolutely plain. No decorations are used, with the exception of the family crest. The Invitation is enclosed in an envelope to match, it in turn being enclosed in a second envelope for mailing. Both envelopes should be addressed in the same hand-writing. In no case should

the same hand-writing. In no case should the typewriter be used.

One invitation is sufficient for husband and wife. Each of the other adult members of the family receives a separate one. The Invitations are usually issued two weeks in advance of the event. In case the wedding is especially fashionable the Invitations should be sent three weeks

ahead.

The groom arranges for the clergyman who has been selected to perform the ceremony and is also responsible for the fee. The ring, the flowers and gifts for the bride are all provided by the groom. He also arranges for the flowers for the bridesmaids and the gifts for them and for the ushers and the best man. He provides for his own carriage. All other expenses connected with the wedding are borne by the family of the bride.

#### A Church Ceremony

If the ceremony is to be in the church, the ushers must be there before the guests. Pews are reserved in the middle aisle for the relatives and the intimate friends. The ushers should be provided with a list of the guests who are to be given special seats. The bride's mother and other members of the families interested, are escorted to the front pews. Pews on the left are for the relatives of the bride; those on the right for the relatives of the bridegroom.

#### Hail the Bride

THE bride goes to the church in a carriage with her father. If there is only one bridesmaid she comes with the bride; if several bridesmaids they come in a carriage provided by the bride's father, and they await the bride in the porch of the church.

church.

The groom and his best man arrive shortly before the bridal party. They follow the minister from the vestry, and stand looking towards the door waiting the

When there are two or three bridesmaids, the ushers lead the procession two by two, followed by the bridesmaids two and two. The Maid of Honor walks alone in advance of the bride, who comes up the aisle leaning on the arm of her father or her nearest relative. At the altar steps the ushers separate to right and left; the bridesmaids walk forward going to each side the maid of honor taking the place at the left of where the bride will stand. The bridegroom receives the bride from her father, who then retires and stands behind the bridal party.

When the clergyman asks, "Who gives this woman to this man?" the father steps forward and places the right hand of the bride in the hand of the clergyman, who places it in the hand of the groom. Having finished his part, the father retires to the seat left for him beside the bride's mother, and he escorts her from the church.

When leaving the church the newly married couple lead the way, followed by the bridesmaids and relatives. At the house the bridal party stand and receive congratulations until all the guests have arrived from the church.

#### Bridal Music

"O PROMISE Me" by DeKoven, "All Mine Alone" by Philips, "Love's Coronation" and "Beloved it is Morn" by Aylward, "O Perfect Love" by Ham—these are all songs appropriate for either a house or a church wedding. The popularity of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and the "Wedding March" from Wagner's Lohengrin never seems to wane.

#### House Weddings

A T a house wedding the order of entering the room is just the same as in a church. The guests are received by the bride's mother. The father does not appear until he brings in the bride. An aisle may be formed by having two white ribbons fastened at the doorway, and carried by the ushers to the place of the ceremony. Through this aisle the bridal party may advance.

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Simplicity is the aim at a house wedding. If cushions are to be used for the bride and groom to kneel upon during the service, they should be put in place before the guests arrive and quietly removed afterwards. During the service the minister faces the guests as in the church and the bridal party stand with their backs to their friends. After the service the minister congratulates the couple and then gives place to the friends and relatives.

### Simple Menu for a Home Wedding

A SUITABLE menu for a home wedding would consist of a variety of sandwiches, salads, sweets, ices, little cakes, tea and coffee and of course wedding cake.

#### The Wedding Cake

T is becoming more fashionable to arrange T is becoming more tashionable to arrange the wedding cake in little boxes. These are put in a basket at the front door. The boxes may vary in size and shape; sometimes they are ornamented with the initials of the bride and groom in white and gold. of the bride and groom in white and gold. They are tied with white satin ribbon.

#### The Toasts

THE matter of the Toasts is often a THE matter of the Toasts is often a serious problem, especially when there are many relatives present. The outline indicated is the order often followed: The oldest friend of the family or the officiating clergyman proposes the toast of the bride and groom.

The groom returns thanks for himself and his wife, and proposes the toast to the bridesmaids.

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The same friend or another proposes the toast to the parents of the bride.

The father of the bride returns thanks and proposes a toast to the parents of the bridegroom.

The father of the groom answers that

Other toasts are optional but the officiating Clergyman should not be forgotten.
When the repast is ended the bride
usually retires and changes her wedding gown for her travelling suit. throws her bouquet from the top of the

stairs to the waiting guests below, and the girl to catch it, will be the next bride.

## How Shall I Tell My Children

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win them back to that state after the mire of sin has stained them and the fire of sin scorched them.

In the hand of the clean youth of our country lies the hope of our country; and in the homes lies our hope of a clean youth. How shall we best serve the state, we women who love patriotism? By doing the duty of the hour.

How shall we find our way to that duty! On our knees. There is One who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not. And does it not ring hopefully in our hearts—that "upbraideth not" when we remember our past failures, and selfish shrinking.

He gives to us with grace untold,

The glad new day with its dawn of gold

Gives us the fresh beginning.