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Why Brides Wear Veils.

CURIOUS SUPERSTITIONS AND CUSTOMS BLEND IN MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

Even in this dull, materialistic age there are few to whom a wedding will not conjure up some memories, sweet or bitter, and intermingled with superstition and romance.

The time is far distant when even the most matter-of-fact bride would not resent the disappearance of certain marriage customs, for, if superstition be justifiable at all, it is at weddings.

Take the wedding-rings, for instance, which is always worn on the third finger of the left hand, because, according to superstition, a certain small artery proceeds straight from the heart to the termination of that finger.

Another explanation is that at one time the custom was for the bridegroom to place the ring on the thumb of the bride with the words: "In the name of the Father," changing it to the first finger with "and of the Son," to the second finger with "and of the Holy Ghost," and then to the third, where he let it remain, with an "Amen."

The First Cake.

The custom of wearing a wedding-veil is one of the most widely adopted in the world. Long years ago a bride went to the marriage ceremony with her hair hanging over her face, and it is from this custom that the wedding-veil is supposed to have originated.

Eating a special cake at weddings is a custom that is very ancient. The early Romans broke a cake over the bride's head as a symbol of plenty.

of guests were entertained at wedding-feasts, which lasted several days. A huge pile of small, richly-flavoured cakes were heaped at the head of the table before the bride and groom.

After kissing each other over them for luck, these cakes were broken into squares over the bride's head, and were then scrambled for by the guests and carried away to bring luck. After a time the idea was conceived of making the cakes in one mass and icing them, and that was the first wedding-cake.

The custom of throwing a shoe after the bride for luck is a survival of an old Bible custom, when a shoe was taken off as a token that, certain rights of possession were surrendered. At one time women were considered the property of their father or nearest male relative, and a Saxon husband hung a slipper—then a symbol of authority—in a prominent place in the bride's home.

Where the "Best Man" Came In.
In the East, still, a Jewish father, on the marriage of his daughter, presents a shoe to the bridegroom as a token that he yields up his rights in her.

In early days when force reigned supreme, the Anglo-Saxon lover procured his bride by simply lying in wait for her, clubbing her, and dragging her off. As the lady sometimes was pursued by her friends, the lover would generally have a friend to help him draw them off in another direction, or to fight them. This friend is probably the origin of "best man."

Though a bride's attire may be varied, in some rural districts in Yorkshire neither blue nor green must be worn by her, both colours being considered particularly unlucky. The saying goes:

"If dressed in blue,
She's sure to rue."

There, too, the custom prevails of presenting the bride on her arrival on the threshold of her house with a cake on a plate. A piece of this she will eat, throwing the remainder over her shoulder as typical of the hope that they would always have plenty with something to spare.

Races used to be run for ribbons after a wedding ceremony in some villages—the proud winner receiving his trophy, with a kiss as an additional reward, from the bride.

Nowadays this is generally claimed by the best man after the marriage service.—Answers.

The Labrador Fleet.

The following is list of vessels cleared from Bay Roberts for the Labrador this year.

Rattler, 50 tons, John Snow, master, male crew 27, female 5.

Topaz, 50 tons, George Parsons, master, male crew 15, female 2.

Kestrel, 99 tons, John Snow, master, male crew 37, female 11.

Little Shamrock, 32 tons, Joseph Snow, master, male crew 5, female 9.

Victor, 32 tons, Edward Snow, master, male crew 10, female 2.

Harry Smith, 78 tons, Geo. Richards, master, male crew 40, female 15.

Billow, 44 tons, Harold Morgan, master, male crew 8, female 2.

Perfect, 54 tons, John French, master, male crew 22, female 6.

Maritime, 59 tons, James Dawe, master, male crew 7, female 1.

Laura, 31 tons, Robert Badcock, master, male crew 5, female 1.

Sunlocks, 59 tons, Albert Mercer, master, male crew 13, female 2.

Transvaal, 23 tons, Rich. Sparkes, master, male crew 4, female 1.

Making a total of 13 vessels carrying crews of 217 male and 59 female.

Also list of clearings from Harbor Grace:

Mankato, 76 tons, Thos. Noseworthy, master, Munn & Co., male crew 23, female 4.

Coronation, 98 tons, Silas Noseworthy, Munn & Co., male crew 59, female 8.

Constance, 64 tons, Ambrose Penney, master, Munn & Co., male crew 22, female 5.

Baden Powell, 51 tons, Thomas Shanahan, master, P. Templeman, male crew 6, female 6.

Snowdrift, 35 tons, John Parsons, master, P. Templeman, male crew 10, female 1.

Neison, 60 tons, Frank Parsons, master, Munn & Co., male crew 30, female 5.

Ungava, 88 tons, J. Roach, master, McRae & Sons, male crew 32, female 6.

Pandora, 56 tons, James Pike, master, E. Simmons, male crew 14, female 4.

Three Bells, 42 tons, Hayward Parsons, master, T. & M. Winter, male crew 12, female 3.

Dorothy, 57 tons, William Day, master, E. Simmons, male crew 15, female 3.

Willis C., 82 tons, James Dunn, master, T. & J. Dunn, male crew 15, female 2.

Volant, 42 tons, Harvey Parsons, master, T. & M. Winter, male crew 17, female 1.

Raleigh, 33 tons, W. T. Noel, master, P. Templeman, male crew 18, female 2.

Bertha, 41 tons, Robert Hillier, master, F. Woodman, male crew 6.

Flower of Home, 41 tons, Richard George, master, E. Simmons, male crew 15, female 2.

Dreadnaught, 39 tons, Wm. Noel, master, P. Templeman, male crew 23, female 2.

Edna Blair, 24 tons, Wm. Hayes, master, M. J. MacKey, male crew 5.

Nellie M., 35 tons, R. Glavin, master, M. J. MacKey, male crew 5.

A total of 18 vessels with crew of 349 male and 54 female.—Harbor Grace Standard.

B. I. S. OUTING, Donovan's, Wednesday, August 18. Sports, Football and Baseball Games. Excellent Supper and Dance. Music by C. C. C. Band. Train leaves city at 3 p.m., returns midnight. Tickets \$2.50 each, procurable from George Trainor, Tobacconist; Charles Murphy, Barber; The Song Shop; J. P. Cash, Tobacconist; D. J. French, opposite Custom House, and any of the members of the B. I. S. An enjoyable time assured.

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Five Meals Not Enough For Him, Says Wm. Mercer

Appetite is Fine And He Does Three Times As Much Work Since Taking Tanlac, States N. F. Farmer.

"Now that Tanlac has put me into such good shape, I can do more work in one day than I used to be able to do 'in three,' recently declared William Mercer, well-known farmer, living on the Thorburn Road, near St. John's, Nfld.

"I was troubled with indigestion for fifteen years; and of late it got so bad I couldn't eat any sort of solid food without being doubled up with pain afterwards. I was always having headaches that almost drove me distracted and at times became so dizzy that I actually staggered. If I tried to walk up a hill like Prescott Street, my heart would beat like a trip-hammer and my breath come in short gasps and I would have to stop every few yards and have a rest. I had such pains across the back I couldn't do anything but light work around the farm, and also had a lot of rheumatism in my arms and legs. I often went all night without getting a wink of sleep and just felt tired and worn-out all the time.

"A friend of mine seeing the awful fix I was in, urged me to try Tanlac, so I went down to Connors' drug store and bought a bottle. Well, sir, it surely was surprising the way that medicine took hold of my troubles. In a short time I had such an appetite I couldn't get enough to eat even with five meals a day, and all trouble from indigestion disappeared. I no longer have pains in my back, arms and legs, and sleep so well at night that I get up in the mornings feeling just fine. I can work all day without getting tired and can honestly say I haven't had such good health in years. I want to recommend Tanlac to all who suffer as I did, for I'm sure it will do them good."

Tanlac is sold in St. John's by M. Connors; by Reg. Sullivan, Pouch Cove; Sound Island Store, Sound Island; Dennis Flynn, Avondale; J. O'Brien, Cape Broyle; J. W. Smith, Baine Harbor; W. A. Burdick, Belleoram; John Morey, Fermeuse; Mrs. Jos. Quinn, Renew.—adv

He Didn't.

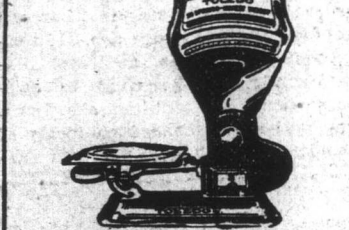
It was a scrubby little room in a scrubby little part of a scrubby little city's suburbs, and the London traveler didn't approve at all. When he went to wash he found that there was no water for the basin, no soap to wash with, and no towel to dry himself with. So he rang. Five minutes' interim bringing no answer, he rang again and then again and again, until his arm ached. At the end of twenty minutes a waiter of forbidding aspect opened the door. "Did you ring?" he inquired in a bass rumbling voice. "Of course I did!" snapped the London visitor. "Well," said the waiter, as he withdrew, "don't do it again! You'll wake the missis."

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It was a hot afternoon, and the people in the park were more inclined to sit in shady nooks than listen to the orator. But he persevered. "We are on the downward path!" he shouted, anaroly. "We are spending beyond our income! Soon we shall be bankrupt! What will you do then?"

Dramatic pause, broken by a few snores.

"I warn you, you will be like the Prodigal Son—glad to eat the food that the swine did eat. But"—he gazed about him, fiercely—"that will come to an end! And what will you do then?"

A sleepy voice from the shade of the tree answered his question. "Eat the pigs!" it said.

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