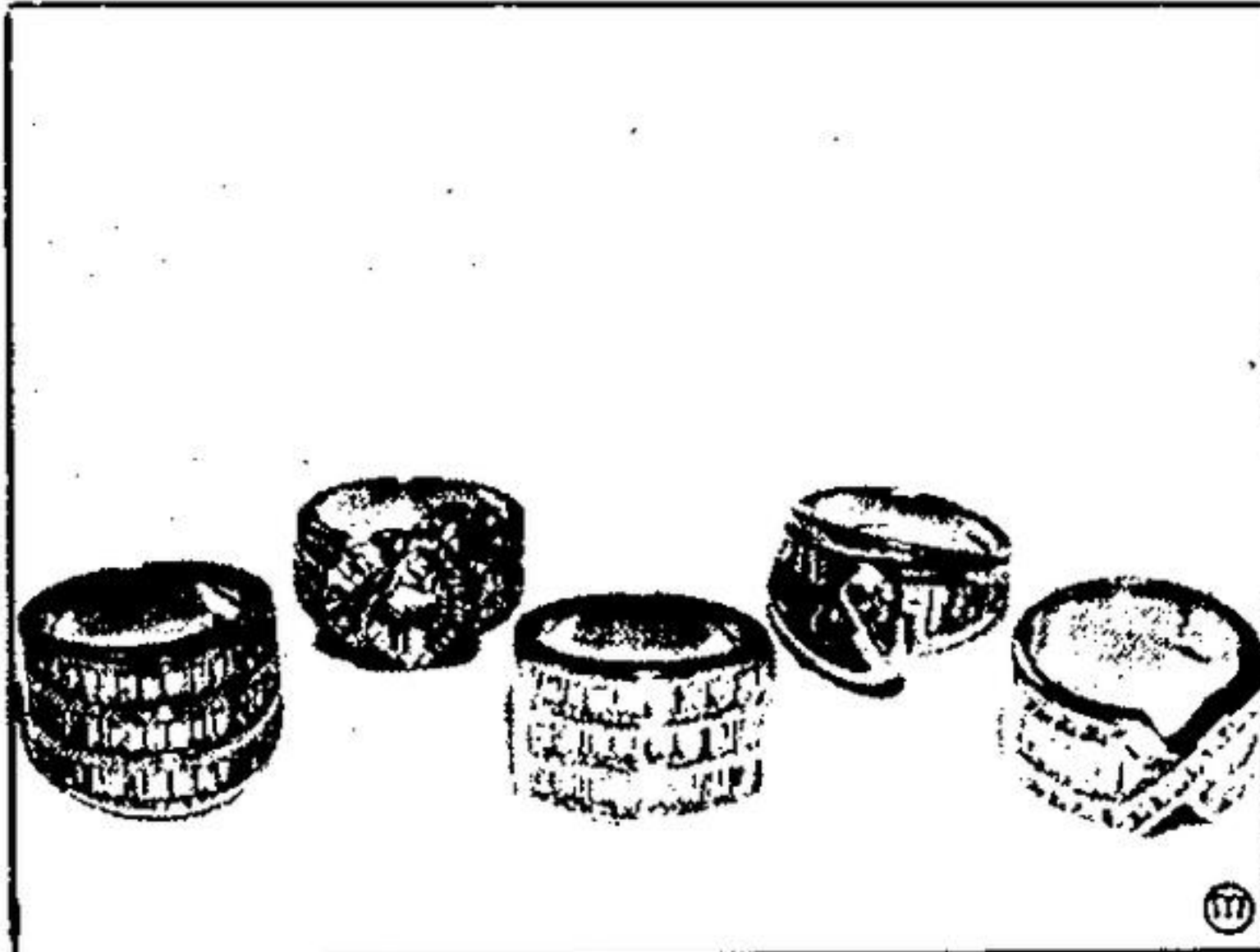
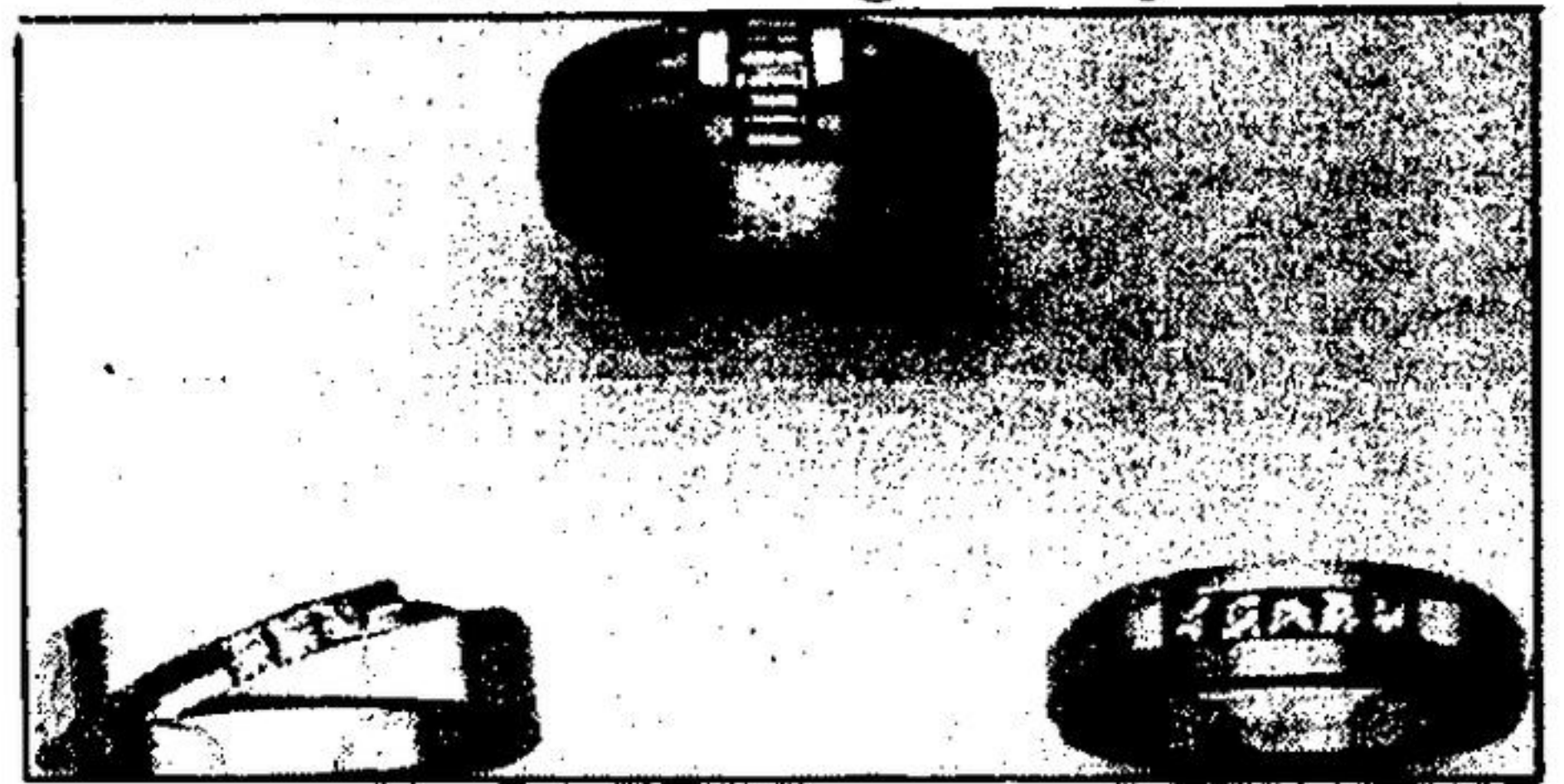


Be dazzling on the big day



A WEDDING is a time of beauty, enchantment and—unfortunately—stress. Worrying about endless details and hoping that everything will turn out right often add pressures that a bride cannot control. However, one thing she can be sure of is the way she will look. Effective makeup, a pretty hairstyle and the right jewelry to complement her dress will make certain that she glows with happiness as she walks down the aisle. In keeping with the romantic mood of the nuptials, Tony of Israel fashions a heart-shaped pendant (left) that makes an ideal accessory for a bare-neck gown. Styled in 14K and studded with diamonds, it's mated with a gold bracelet. For the woman who dreams of a wedding band with pizzazz, Kattan of Israel offers a selection in 14K and 18K gold and diamonds. Featuring round, square or loaf-cut stones, there's bound to be one that's a perfect match to her engagement ring. So, during that tension-filled period before the wedding, the bride-to-be can relax with the assurance that she will look her very best on the most memorable day of her life. BR893525

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PICTURED ABOVE, diamonds for the lucky man on his wedding day, newly-created from The Uomo™ Collection by Alfred Levitt & Son. Clockwise from the top: 14K ribbed band set with .58 ct. of baguette diamonds; bevelled edge band set with 1/2 ct. of princess-cut diamonds; flat tapered band set with .27 ct. of princess cut diamonds on a 45 degree angle.

Age-old legend of the "lucky sixpence" brings wealth, good fortune to newlyweds

"Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue... and a lucky sixpence for your shoe." And a lucky sixpence for your shoe?

The carrying of a coin by the bride is a very old tradition thought to ensure future wealth and good fortune for the newlywed couple.

When the sixpence was introduced to England in 1551 by Edward VI, it soon became known as a lucky coin. There-

Folklore has it that the "something old" and the "something borrowed" are items given to the bride by a loved one to bring happiness to the new marriage. The "something new," often the wedding gown, represents the bride's acceptance of a new life. As for the "something blue," its origins can be traced to the rhyme, "Those who dress in blue have lovers true."

But what is the significance of the "lucky sixpence" and why has this tradition been forgotten?

fore, it was natural that the sixpence became the coin carried by brides, from the Victorian era, when the "white wedding" was popularized, to the present time.

Cherishing the romance of Victorian times, English brides have kept the tradition of the lucky sixpence alive. Not surprisingly, as more brides have learned the story of the sixpence, this wedding tradition has become popular.

Unfortunately, as the popularity of the sixpence has grown, the coin has become increasingly rare. The sixpence was last minted over 20 years ago and is difficult to find, even in England. These days, many consider the sixpence a family heirloom to be passed on from generation to generation.

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