

sincere friends, is indeed an outstanding experience.

Naturally I think you are quite right in all your statements concerning Mary, but I think too, and, I know she would have me say this, that the guidance of her Mother and Father, and the inspiration of this group of life-time friends, have all helped her more than she can tell.

We learn so much from those with whom we are closely associated, and both Mary and I feel deeply grateful for the unselfish interest that has been lavished upon her during those all important formative years.

For all your kindly remarks and expressions of good will, please accept our mutual and sincere thanks. *(Add your own compliments to the bride; thank the bride's parents for their daughter and for the beautiful reception; thank your own parents for all they have done for you; thank your guests for attending the wedding and for their gifts; thank your attendants and conclude with a toast to the bridesmaids as follows:)

At the church to-day you all knew the bride and groom, but you may have wondered who the lovely girls were that formed part of the wedding party. May I present — *(name each Bridesmaid) who added so much to the setting to-day as they came down the aisle, not just with their lovely dresses and flowers, but with their smiling faces.

We've heard a great many good wishes extended to the bride to-day. May I say that the same sentiments are expressed to the bridesmaids. May we wish for all of you who have yet to change your name, that may look as lovely and happy on your wedding day as you do to-day.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would ask you to rise and drink with me a toast to the bridesmaids.

RESPONSE TO THE TOAST TO THE BRIDESMAIDS (by the best man)

Friends: May I, on behalf of the bridesmaids, say thank you for all the lovely compliments paid to them.

I don't think it was very much effort on their part to look radiant and lovely today, as we are told that if you are happy, it will show outwardly.

Each of us considered it a great honor to be asked by the bride and groom to be a part of the most important day in their lives.

True, we have been friends with them for years, but to have a friend you must be one, and both Mary and Frank have manifested friendship in every sense of the word.

If we have been able to add even a small measure of happiness to their wedding day, then may I say on behalf of the bridal attendants this day will always be remembered because we were honored to play a part in this day and ceremony.

(Read telegrams or messages at the conclusion of this toast.)

SIGNING THE CHEQUES

As the wedding is almost entirely planned and conducted by the bride's parents — and since the invitations to both the ceremony and reception are issued in their name — they naturally pay for the major cost of the wedding.

Suggestions On Selecting Your Wedding Flowers

Here are a few aspects to consider when you choose the flowers for your wedding:

The size and the kind of room you plan to decorate. A large, lavishly furnished room requires fewer flowers than a small, bare room.

The basic color scheme you have used throughout your wedding. Your flowers should coordinate somehow with the colors and style of the clothes for your wedding party.

Love Is Grand!

The respective lists are noted below.

WHAT THE BRIDE'S FAMILY PAYS FOR

1. The bridal trousseau, both personal and household.
2. The bride's wedding outfit.
3. The wedding invitations and announcements.
4. Organist, soloist, or pianist for the ceremony; orchestra or instrumentalists for the reception.
5. The wedding reception or breakfast. This includes the food, flowers, champagne or other beverages.
6. All floral decorations in the church, home, or elsewhere.
7. Gifts for the maid-of-honor and all the bridesmaids.
8. The bridesmaids' bouquets.



9. All wedding photographs.
10. The wedding cake and souvenir boxes.
11. Transportation for wedding party to and from church.

WHAT THE GROOM PAYS FOR

1. The engagement and wedding rings.
2. The marriage license.
3. Bachelor's dinner.
4. Wedding gift for the bride.
5. Gifts for the best man and ushers.
6. If a formal wedding — ties, gloves and boutonnieres for the best man, ushers and himself.
7. Bride's bouquet.
8. Corsage to his mother and new mother-in-law.
9. Minister's fee.
10. Transportation to wedding for best man and himself.
11. All honeymoon expenses.

RELIGIOUS WEDDING GUIDE

RELIGION	MOST POPULAR HOURS	PROHIBITED DAYS
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Head covering usually worn.	Any hour of morning, afternoon or evening.	Christian Scientists are married in churches of various denominations and must abide by the rules of the church they have selected.
EPISCOPALIAN High — Central — Low Head covering required for women.	8:00 a.m. Communion. High Church followed by noon or afternoon wedding 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Others most popular, noon and 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Evenings rarely.	During Abstinence Period, Lent, Holy Week, Sundays, at Christmas or Easter, weddings are not in good taste. Also during fast periods, if High Church.
PRESBYTERIAN Head covering required for women.	Most popular time, Saturday 4:00, 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. Also other days. In South and West 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Weddings may be held on any one day of the year. However, most ministers will not marry couples on Sundays or during Lent or Holy Week, as it is not in good taste.
ROMAN CATHOLIC Head covering required for women.	High Mass 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. Low Mass 8:00 a.m. Afternoon 4:00 or 5:00 (no mass). No evening weddings.	"Forbidden times" are from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday inclusive. No ceremony may be held after sundown.
JEWISH Orthodox Conservative Reform Head covering required for men at Orthodox and Conservative ceremonies.	Noon to 5:00 p.m. Evenings 7:00 to 7:30. Saturday nights, Sundays and holidays very popular.	On a Sabbath (Friday sunset until Saturday sunset), high holy days — Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement, the tenth day after Hashana). Strictest Orthodox: never on a major holiday (Pass-over, week of Pentecost, Feast of Tabernacles). Orthodox and Conservatives: never during the six weeks between the Feast of Passover and the Feast of Weeks, nor during the three summer weeks climaxed by Ninth of AB.
GREEK ORTHODOX Head covering required for women. Bride must wear a veil.	Saturday 11:00 a.m., 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, afternoon most popular.	Sunday mornings, during Lent, Advent, Holy Week or fast days.

Old Superstitions:

It's good luck if a bride meets a chimney sweep on the day of her wedding.

It's bad luck if a pig runs across her path.

It's good luck for the bridegroom to carry a horseshoe in his pocket.

It's unlucky for the bride's carriage to meet or pass a funeral procession.

It's good luck for the bride to carry her mother's prayer book.

If the bride stumbles over the threshold of her new home, it's bad luck.

You can bring good luck to the bride and groom by throwing an old shoe after them.

It's bad luck for the bride to help make her own wedding cake.

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