

of the groom. The ushers wait at the door of the drawing-room for guests as they arrive from church, and present them to the newly wedded pair. If ladies are present without gentlemen, they escort them to the refreshment-room, afterwards leaving them to provide for themselves.

Bridal gifts are seldom displayed. If they are shown, it is with the names of the donors detached, to prevent invidious comparisons. The universal bridal present is a disused custom. The bride acknowledges the gift by a note in her own hand. Gifts to the bride are supposed to be in accordance with her known tastes, or of practical use. They are commonly marked with her maiden name.

Gifts that can be worn at the ceremony are considered *en regle* from the bride and groom to the bridesmaids and ushers.

At a morning wedding, the groom and ushers wear dark coats, and vests of corresponding color, with light trowsers, and necktie, and gloves light, but not white. At an evening wedding the bride and groom retire quietly to dress for their wedding tour. At a morning wedding only bridesmaids, ushers and relatives remain to witness the departure.

It is not etiquette to inquire where the honeymoon is to be spent.

If the newly-married begin housekeeping at once, cards are issued for morning or evening receptions at no distant day, to which only such persons are invited as they desire to retain as friends. The following form of card will do:

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HENRY JAMESON,

*At Home,*

*Tuesday evenings in November, from eight to eleven o'clock.*

No. — California Street.

On these occasions an elaborate table is not considered in re-