



Flower girl Mary Lou Moore sniffs bouquet of Mrs. Dale Moore, the former Donna Jean Lewis.

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Engagement ring is selected similar to a wardrobe item

Jewellers tell us that more than half of all engagement rings are selected by men. Often this happy event takes place at the Christmas season. However, as his lady fair will wear his ring for a long time, it is im-

portant that his choice pleases her. It would be better, of course, if both were to select the diamond. But, whether the man makes the choice by himself, or if they do this together, here are some tips that will be helpful.

A diamond should be selected like a wardrobe item. It should flatter the lady's hand. Does she have a thin or plump hand? Long, tapering fingers or short ones? First consider these factors, then buy!

Basically, there are five popular diamond shapes, the Brilliant (or round), Emerald Cut, Heart, Marquise and Pear Shapes. For long, thin fingers,

Clouds of lacey veils crown the bridal gown

According to tradition, every bride is beautiful as she walks down the aisle. Part of that beauty comes from the lacy cloud of veiling which surrounds her head.

Veils come in all styles, lengths, sizes and fabrics, and must be suited to the dress, to the bride's hair-do and to the type of wedding.

Designer Helene Arnhold says lace mantillas are particularly popular this year, with the lace matching that on the dress. They are available in short, shoulder length or long styles. If the bride can afford it, the lace is often imported from France.

Also popular is the detachable veil, actually two veils in one. This style is used if the bride is wearing a long formal gown. A short, shoulder length veil is worn for both the ceremony and the reception. A floor length veil is attached for the ceremony only and can be removed to allow freedom of movement at the reception. Most of the short veils are extremely bouffant, billowing around the shoulders.

The headpiece to which the veil is attached also varies widely. Simple pillbox styles which sit on top of the head are popular, especially for winter, for the girl with a bouffant hair style, a bow, flowers or lace clip can be pinned in the front of the hair, just above the hairline without upsetting the hair-do.

Mrs. Arnhold says that another style - setter for this season is the lace cap which covers almost the whole head and is in keeping with the simpler hair-dos which are now

the Brilliant, Heart and Pear shapes are more becoming. The most flattering shapes for plump, short fingers are the Marquise and the Emerald Cut.

How much should you pay for diamonds? That depends on the four C's: Carat Weight, Colour, Clarity and Cut.

COLOUR: A fine gem diamond has a delicate white colour, with the clearness of a drop of pure water. Diamonds frequently are a pale yellow, brown or grey. These are not of good enough colour to be gem diamonds. Occasionally, diamonds have a very pronounced colour such as canary-yellow, golden brown, deep blue, green, pink, red and black. These are rarities and are known as "fancies."

CLARITY: No two diamonds are alike. Some have greater brilliance than others, some have flaws that cannot be cut out. A diamond is considered perfect if it has no flaws that can be seen under a loupe that magnifies it ten times.

CARAT WEIGHT: Diamonds are measured by a tiny unit of weight called a carat. There are 100 points to a carat. Therefore, a 50 point diamond is equal to a half carat, 75 points to three-quarters of a carat, etc.

CUT: The brilliance and colour for which diamonds are treasured depend on perfect cutting plus 100 per cent complete polishing. Therefore, although two diamonds of the same weight may be equally white in colour and perfect, one may be a better buy than the other because of its polish. For example, diamonds with completely polished edges or "sidles" have more fire than those not fully polished, for this brilliant circle of light enhances the diamond's beauty and makes it look larger, too.

As far back as can be remembered, the diamond has always symbolized love and betrothal. There was an ancient belief that diamonds had magical powers and worked as love potions. To be effective, however, the diamond had to be set so that it touched the skin. Also, the diamond had to be worn on the fourth finger of the left hand because it was believed the vein of love ran from this finger directly to the heart.

The name "diamond" was derived from the Greek work "adamas." When translated, this means invincible, unconquerable... like the eternity of love. As we all know, a diamond is forever, too, because it is the hardest substance known to man. It is the aristocrat of all gems, unsurpassed in brilliance and beauty... truly the most treasured and most beautiful of nature's gifts to mankind.

Suggested list of basic linen

To give you an idea of how many sheets, towels, tablecloths and related items of linen you may need, here is a suggested list of average requirements:

- 6 sheets per bed.
- 6 matching pillowcases.
- 2 winterweight blankets— or one blanket and one comforter— or one automatic blanket.
- 2 summerweight blankets.
- 2 bedspreads—one for summer, one for winter.
- Matress pads—one for each bed; and pillow covers for each pillow.
- 12 bath towels with 12 hand towels.
- 16 face cloths.
- 6 guest towels—may be fingertip size.
- 2 bath mats.
- 1 shower curtain.
- 2 bathroom rug and lid sets.
- 1 formal dinner cloth with 12 matching napkins.
- 2 informal tablecloths— or one cloth and one set of eight placemats—with matching napkins.
- 1 set of everyday placemats and matching napkins.

popular. The cap can be topped with artificial flowers, seed pearls or rhinestones. Most of the headpieces are very small, except in July and August. This also applies to the veils for the bridesmaids. The pastel shades are most popular for bridesmaids' outfits, especially aqua, pink, light blue and Nile green. Usually, the bridesmaids' veils are attached to a simple bow which clips on the head. The veils are frequently detachable and the headpiece can be used as a hat later. Mrs. Arnhold notes that many girls today look for this double

Buying or renting is a big question

Unless you have a fairy god-mother who provides you with a completely equipped home you will probably be faced with the question "Which is better for a newlywed couple, renting an apartment or buying a home?"

For the young couple, the major expense of a down payment on a house is usually too much. Renting is less expensive since there is less upkeep, no taxes, and fewer incidental like heating. Also, you may not want to have to furnish a whole house all at once.

If you do have enough money saved to buy a home, the U.S. department of agriculture offers several facts to keep in mind. First, remember that the larger the downpayment and the shorter the term of the mortgage loan, the less the house will cost in the long run.

For instance, a \$15,000 mortgage at six per cent interest paid over 15 years will cost you about half the cost of the original loan in interest. If paid in 25 years, interest will cost almost nine-tenths of the original loan.

use in the veils they buy since cost is a frequent factor. The price of the bridal veil can range from about \$35 up, depending on the size, amount of decoration and the type of lace used. Seed pearls are particularly popular for decoration. It is a good idea to buy the gown and veil in the same place, even if you have a family heirloom veil you'd like to use. The store frequently can match your gown. The most popular fabric for headpieces is silk - faced peau de soie, but less expensive.

to a long-term mortgage—an important aspect since many young couples are quite mobile and do not stay in one place long.

REMEMBER THANKS

No matter how busy you may be, it's not good taste to put off thanking friends for wedding

gifts. Try to make each thank-you note as personal as possible, mention the gift, and, if possible, how you plan to use it. Always mention your fiance in your thanks. The gift was sent to both of you. If you receive duplicate gifts, just chalk it up to experience — it's something that happens to most brides.

ANNOUNCEMENT

An engagement is never, under any circumstances, announced by the groom-to-be or any member of his family. The announcement is made in the name of the bride's parents, even if she is not living at home.

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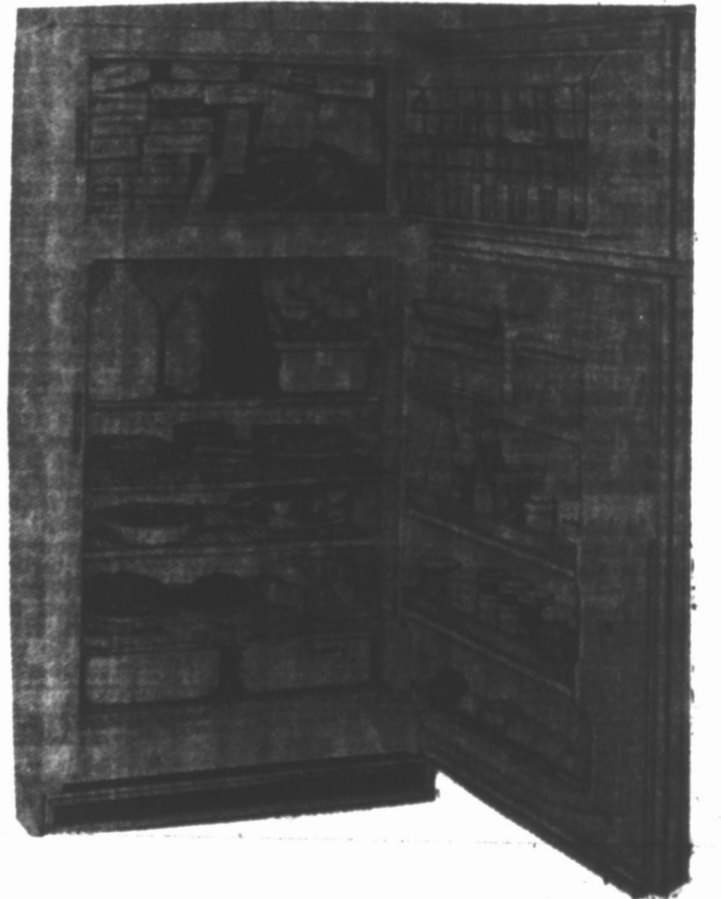
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