

A quiet naval wedding was celebrated on January 27th at Mt. Carmel Church, Sydney, by the Rev. W. Greer, when Mr. Alec. Kinneer Bradley, of the Royal Australian Navy Transport Service, only son of Mr. George Prince Bradley, of Sandy Bay, Hobart, was married to Miss Storm Keates, youngest daughter of Mr. B. C. Keates, late of Auckland, N.Z. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Muriel Keates (sister) and Miss Heather Ridgeway as bridesmaids. Mr. James Pascoe, brother-officer, s.s. Araluen, was groomsman. A reception was held at the brown room in the Fresh Food and Ice Co., King Street. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley left on a short motor trip to the South Coast, owing to the bridegroom's early departure for England on service.

An interesting description is given in an American paper of the recent wedding of Edsel B. Ford, heir to one of America's billion-dollar businesses, and Eleanore L. Clay, niece of one of Detroit's merchant princes. The ceremony was impressive, even remarkable, because of its simplicity. From beginning to end there was an utter absence of the ostentation, show, glitter and display of wealth usually associated with the union of scions of great and wealthy families. In preparation and fulfilment the nuptials were such as are within the reach of any middle-class American bride. Although the guests represented almost untold wealth, there was hardly a jewel to be seen even among the older matrons. The five score or more of curious persons of both sexes who gathered at the entrance of the long covered way that led from the street to the Hudson home must have been vastly disappointed at this lack of display. There was a delightful air of informality about the ceremony. As the time set for the marriage approached, one of the ushers formed a narrow lane between the guests assembled in the large entrance hall and library. Then, as the old grandfather's clock in the corner struck 8.30, the lights in the two rooms were turned off, with the exception of several clusters behind the place reserved for the officiating minister, the sliding doors opening on to the dining room were drawn open and the orchestra struck the opening bars of the wedding march from "Lohengrin." The gowns of the bridesmaids were Lucille models, fashioned in the long, straight hues of the Russian idea, and were of white taffeta. The skirts were full and ankle length, banded at the bottom with brilliants and pearls. Their bodices were of tulle with Russian jacket of cloth of silver; they also were braided with pearls and brilliants, and around the armholes was white swansdown. They wore Russian head dresses of pearls and rhinestones. The bride's gown was very much like those of the bridesmaids, except the material was cloth of silver and also fashioned on very straight lines. Her gown was ankle length, the skirt full and banded around the bottom with pearls, and the front breadth ornamented with a garniture of similar beautiful trimming. The bodice of pearls was tight, with long net sleeves. Her tulle veil fell from beneath a Russian headdress of pearls and rhinestones.

An unusual addition to the staff of the Canadian Hospital, Walmer, England, is the "lady gardener," Miss G. Hollowes, who has a thorough knowledge of her work, having for twelve years acted as head of the staff in Lady Sligo's gardens. Miss Hollowes volunteered her services when war broke out, and she now devotes her time to growing vegetables for the hospital kitchen.

The theory of an American genealogist is that the women of to-day and back fifty years have not had to work hard enough to be worn out when they reached the middle thirties, or even as late as fifty. "I have a woman friend," she writes, "who is trying to prove that there are as many children born to-day after the mother passes her fiftieth birthday as there were during the Colonial period after the mother passed forty. She had been at work only about four years, and says she can prove that children born after the mother passed thirty have the greatest mental powers. On the other hand she maintains that when the mother is in her twenties and healthy the children are likely to be sound physically."

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