

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

Trace the roots of traditions
The roots of the “something old, something new” wedding traditions are traced to England where a bride wore these things in her wedding.

Something old

- To ensure the transfer of happiness to the romantics of the time offered a diamond as a new bride, she must wear something old that symbol of enduring love. has belonged to a happily married woman.

Something new

- Usually the wedding gown or a pair of a pair of shoes.

Something borrowed

- Usually an item made of gold to assure wealth and good fortune in the future.

Something blue

- A custom borrowed from ancient Israel that symbolized fidelity, modesty, and love.

A new penny

- Worn in the heel of the bride’s left shoe, this coin is the bride’s guarantee of wealth and the bride’s father to exchange shoes at the prosperity in the future.

Wedding customs from other cultures are fascinating glimpses into the traditions of matrimony.

Among the many are:

The rock

- Italians of medieval times are responsible for the diamond’s popularity in the engagement. ring. Knowing the diamond’s durability, the romantics of the time offered a diamond as a symbol of enduring love.

Hot Springs

- In Peru, the wedding party decorates the honeymoon bed with red and green chili peppers to ensure a passionate marriage.

Breathless

- Brides from early Roman times carried bouquets of garlic, chives and pungent herbs to drive away evil spirits.

Old shoes

The custom of tying old shoes to newlyweds’ cars comes from the Hebrew wedding custom that called for the bridegroom and the bride’s father to exchange shoes at the wedding to symbolize the transfer of the bride to a new home.

No time to chicken out

- The Algerian bridegroom throws eggs at his new bride to ensure her fertility and ease in childbirth.

Roots

- The traditional wedding cake in Bermuda is complete with a tiny tree sapling that the newlyweds later plant.

Sweet things

- In England, brides carry a lump a sugar to assure sweetness throughout married life.

Burr

- In Norway and Iceland newlyweds were glad to be married in a blizzard. A blizzard during the wedding day guaranteed that the storms of life would be over for the couple.

Big party

- The Scots love to schedule weddings on Dec. 31. Scottish couples believe that the whole world celebrates with them, and by the following morning they can say they have been married for a year.