

NORWEGIAN WEDDING CUSTOMS.

Nowhere in Europe are the customs of long defunct generations so thoroughly maintained, and nowhere have modern ways and fashions exercised so little influence as in Norway. The peculiarly wild and romantic character of the country, and the very limited intercourse of the people with neighboring nations, caused the character and individuality of the Norwegians to be almost preserved in its originality since thousands of years. The present customs observed at weddings are mainly derived from ancient times, and no true Norwegian would dare to neglect a single part of the time honored habits. Engagements and marriages take place during the winter season, which lasts fully eight months, and offers the only means of intercourse between the inhabitants of frequently very distant villages and small towns. Snow and ice make the sledges available to cross desolate wooded forests as well as frozen lakes and rivers, whereas during the open weather the difficulties of moving from one part of the country to the other are almost unsurmountable. Consequently life in summer is much lonelier than in winter, when friends and relations meet and give the young people the opportunity of frequent intercourse and of appreciating their mutual qualities.

A traveler describes a wedding at Hardanger, a very lively and pleasant little place in the heart of Norway, in about the following terms: The bride retains her festive attire during the whole time of the wedding festivities. This includes a massive gold or silver crown on the head, a strange-looking but much-valued decoration, put on by parents as a gift of the higher classes of society, on the morning of their wedding day. The feast lasts, as a rule, a number of days, during which eating and drinking is only interrupted by dancing, the expense being shared by the bridegroom and the bride's parents. The guests arrive from many miles distance, each bringing a gift, according to his means. The presents generally consist of articles required in the young couple's household. On the last day, just before the hour when the party is breaking up, the bride's girl friends take off the metal crown from her head in the presence of the whole company and then undo her hair, letting it fall down on her shoulders. After that no more dance with the happy bridegroom, and the music suddenly stops as a sign for the guests that it is time to leave. Then everybody withdraws, but without saying good-bye to the newly married people, as their matrimonial life would otherwise be unhappy — so custom says.

The interval between an engagement and a marriage is often very long. Parents like the delay, as they want their children to know everything about each other before the irrevocable step is taken. The Norwegian poet Bjornson dwells in many of his tales with satisfaction upon the curious ceremonies observed at engagements. Many a romance, and now and then a tragedy, is enacted between farms at a few miles distance, but on the other hand, a poor peasant never, not seldom, the reward for his perseverance and faithfulness by winning the hand of a rich maiden. Engagements are rarely broken off, and both parties consider themselves fully tied to each other though they live apart. During the honeymoon — viz., the first three months after the marriage — the husband undertakes all household duties. He prepares the dinner, takes care of the linen, and even sews and knits, whereas his wife is not permitted to do any work. Later on, however, the household affairs are silently transferred to the bride, and the bridegroom only attends to outdoor work. All Norwegian girls are aware that — unless they are exceptionally rich — their married life will be both monotonous and laborious, and thus the only motive for leaving the free and happy existence in their parents' home as the friends of their youth, is true love. This feeling alone can induce a girl to follow a stranger to his distant farmhouse, where she is entirely separated from her earlier friendships and habits.

The same simplicity of manners exists in Iceland and on the Faroe Isles, belonging to Denmark, but inhabited by the descendants of Norwegians. The people still wear the old national costume, viz., women are walking in coats and skirts, made in one, either blue or red. Fringes and gold or silver ornaments — or brass rings and bracelets for the poor — are much

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The neatly plaited hair is covered with a red, tight-fitting cap, which is by no means unbecoming. The character and manners of living of the Norwegians are as simple as their attire, and being almost entirely separated from any contact with the outer world, their family attachment is very pronounced. The traveler already mentioned tells of a woman who earned her poor living under great hardships, and who, being asked why she did not go with her family to the nearest town, where she might do much better, replied in these terms: "My husband is an industrious fisherman, and as for myself, I am doing work for the rich people in the winter time, whereas during the summer I am attending to my small piece of ground, for which I pay a very moderate rent. Thus day goes by after day, and at the end of the year we find that we are neither short of barley for our nourishment, nor in want of wool for our clothes."

Farm and Stock Notes.
Never feed the cows when milking them. It pays less to handle a poor grade of horses than any other class of stock.

In feeding soft feed to the cows, adding a little salt will make it more palatable.

A colt given plenty of room will not be as awkward as one raised in a close room.

Give an animal a good chance at the start and you will not be disappointed at the outcome.

There are few substances more easily contaminated by pure odors than fresh milk.

Two things — perfection of flesh and of dairy products — in the same animal can hardly be expected.

Much of the work of properly training the trees in the orchard can be done in mild, winter weather.

The more poor horses a man raises the worse off he is, and it is only a question of how long he can stand it.

Many fail to succeed from the fact that their farms are not adapted to the breed of animals that is being kept.

In many cases inferior products cannot be grown and made ready for market at a fair profit. They are too often a drug on the market.

The form of the animal and the quality of the meat depend mainly on the breed. The growth and development depend largely upon the feed.

It is important, in order to derive the best possible results from feeding animals, that the farmer should thoroughly understand the quality of the material used.

While it is not now possible for every farmer to have the best breeds of stock, yet they can take good care of what they do have so as to realize the most profit.

Help from "Good Housekeeping."
The merit of a salad is that it should be cool, crisp and fresh.

Fine emery paper and a sweet oil are excellent for polishing steel grates.

Dredge a little flour over the top of cakes to keep the icing from running.

Have a blanket, wrapper, and soft slippers handy in case of night sickness.

Never wash macaroni. The cooking water dissolves everything undesirable.

Soups are so nutritious and palatable, that it is a pity that they are not more generally used.

The best of the potato is not just under the skin, as so many suppose, therefore pare thickly.

One absolutely essential factor in the preparation of a good beefsteak is that it must be served at once.

It is nonsense to think soda will freshen anything in cookery that is in any degree approaching decomposition.

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The longest shaft in the world in one piece, or in any number of pieces, is in the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, District of Columbia. It is 3 1/2 inches square, 40 feet long, and transmits power to traveling cranes. It runs at 160 revolutions per minute.

One of the London street car companies has in use an automatic "starter." Two powerful spiral springs, fastened to the front axle, are wound up through being applied to the car's stoppage, so that when it is desired to go on again they are capable of starting it.

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A tramp returned to Moberly, Mo., the other day after nearly a year's absence to work out an unexpired term in the rock pile.

It is stated that in Tangier, Algeria, locusts fall in the street like rain, and the sound of their falling resembles a heavy shower.

James Henderson, an old sailor at Norfolk, Va., has an image of a full-rigged ship tattooed upon his arm, which is so small that it cannot be fully distinguished without the aid of a magnifying glass.

"A Savior of her sex," is a little bestowrd upon Lydia E. Pinkham by the women of the world, in honor of whom she is dedicated to her health.

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DISPOSED OF. — Will — Boris won't trouble me any more. Bill — Then you have effectually disposed of him? Will — I think so. I've lent him some money.

WHY HE LAUGHED. — Professor (to student) — What are you laughing at? Student — At your appearance. Professor — Do you laugh at every little bit of absurdity you chance to see?

THE OLD NAME WOULD GO. — Gazlay — I'm a Colon the name of that town on the Isthmus of Panama?

BUOYING. — That used to be its name, but it has been changed to Perito since the Panama Canal came to a full stop.

FELL INTO THE NET. — Mr. Lam (walking on the sands) — O, doesn't that pebble sparkle like a diamond! Mr. Y. unheedful — Aw, Miss Miltam, name the day and I will have it set.

TOO PRIM ENTIRELY. — "Why, Tommy, why did you slap sister Ethel?" "She was so jolly good, mamma, I couldn't help it."

QUERIOUS. — What is Mrs. Moneybags' position in society? Cynicus — Why, it's capital."

SHE. — Why do you shudder and shut your eyes when you see a hammock? He — Because I've been there.



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