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Bride, One of Washington's She Is a Woman of Simple Tastes, Fond of Books and Traveling and an Excellent Housekeeper.

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HE wedding of the president of functions more brilliant than those which will be held in the White House United States and Mrs. which will be field in the white House after the return of the president and his bride from their honeymoon. She is a gracious and brilliant entertainer, although she has taken little part in social activities during the past eight years. Of course there will be trouble in arranging the diplomatic dinners because of the European way, but the Edith Bolling Galt at the bride's Washington home on the even-ing of Saturday, Dec. 18, electrifies an entire nation, peculiarily susceptible to the heart appeal to a country wit-nessing the marriage of its first citi-

her judgment in a matter so intimate

her judgment in a matter so intimate and vital," was one comment.

This side light is further emphasized in her manner of traveling. She selects her route and her companion, makes her arrangements and sets out sanely, According to another of her friends, she is one "of the most alive and vivid women" imaginable.

An alive and vivid woman she appears in her travels. Two years ago, with Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon, she made a tour of Spain—not the Spain

made a tour of Spain-not the Spain of the cities, but the bypaths of the unfrequented Spain.

Between Miss Gordon and the bride the warmest friendship exists. Called to General Gordon's deathbed, her

promise to "look after Gertrude" has resulted in a devoted friendship ce-mented by long periods of travel in far-off lands. Sentimental only is the tle "guardianship" which many in Washington, even the closest of friends consider exists between Miss Gordon and the president's helpmate. However, so devoted is she to her young companion "Altrude" (a play on the given names of Alice Gertrude) that even her business affairs have many times received the steadying influence of her oversight.

with a ceremony so simple and with attendants so few one can scarcely believe that the wedding means a new life for the president and a new "first lady of the land."

Mrs. Galt, one of the most beautiful women in Washington or the old Virginia stock, never looked more lovely than she did as the date for the wedding approached. And even the most cynical recognizes the genuineness of the glatin and will find a way out. Many receptions have been planned and Washington society is rejoicing.

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Washington has often noted with complimentary phrases the bride's that is in dress. Her friends have always remarked her ability to dress distinctively and becomingly. Back of this ability lies a talent cultivated in the pirlhood days. Money was not overabundant in the Bolling family.

There was enough to give everybody the elucation due the standing of an old and influential Virginia family, but the constitutive feature of southern housening was and the hand a part of the chafing distinctive feature of southern housening was and the president will be fifty
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THE PRESIDENT AND HIS BRIDE

the trace of a very eventful year was written unmistakably into his face and physique. Especially did he show the stress and travall which he has undergone during the last five years. To stress and travall which he has undergone during the last five years. To day, apparently without a care in the world, he looks less than fifty. His air of austere reserve has melted away and he is all graciousness. Nobody can doubt that under the influence of the simple, gracious, companionable woman he has won, "the year's at the spring" for him. Moreover, he developed an enthusiasm in his courtship that proved a delight and surprise for those who thought they knew him best

## The "Something Blue."

The same turquoise bracelet worn by other brides of this administration

—Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre and Mrs. william of bibs McAdoo—adorns the arm of the president's bride. It is the property of Miss Margaret Wison and sumplies the "something borrowed in the brides of the president of the property of t and supplies the "something borrowed

and something blue" necessary to car-ry out the old bridal superstition. The "something old" is a piece of rare old rose point from a famous Bolling collection.

ing collection. The wedding gown, of course, provides the "something new." The Galt home in Twentieth street was put in spick and span order for the ceremony and the festivities incident thereto. The floral scheme is on an slaborate order, having been worked out by experts of the White House

The tall mirrored mantel in the drawing foom, which has been done over in American Beauty tints, is hanked with lilles of the valley and Killar-ney roses. The tail palms which have formed part of the decorations at all White House weddings since that of Nellie Grant have been placed in the

drawing room. wedding feast, is one of the most in-teresting rooms in the house. The long managany table, an hetrloom in

cash to buy trousseaux ad lib for a family of girls remarkable for their beauty and popularity was not always available, wherefore Miss Edith Boiling began to utilize her gift for line and form and for color and design. Twenty-five years ago in Wytheville, Va., the new first lady as a girl in her jeens developed a great requiration in teens developed a great reputation in the large family connection for her ability to buy, to cut out, to fit and to make up divers frocks for divers occasions. So, too, with hats. She has great skill in the building of a hat. She can "poise a wing" or twist a ribbon into a bow with the skill of a trained hand.

Not Fond of Jewelry.

she possesses She never cared for

see possesses. She never cared for jewels, eyen as a young girl."

The bride is fond of flowers. No matter what the blossom, its color, its fringrance, its shape, its size, she is fond of flowers. The president's earliest remembrance took the form of exsuite clusters of orchids, sometimes white, sometimes yellow, sometimes mauve. Huge clusters of rich red roses sometimes replaced the orchids, and again bunches of lifes of the valley beautified the smart toilets in which

beautified the smart tollets in which she appeared either in public or in the drawing rooms of her friends.

A few books showed the president's thoughtfulness from time to time. While not either booksin or a "blue stocking," the bride is a remarkably well intowned woman. She has made well informed woman. She has made nine or ten trips to Europe, and each time she has gone she has stopped for periods varying from six months to a year. She is keenly observant, and she delights in letsurely touring about in

unfrequented paths A Simple Woman.

dish on these occasions conduces to the good digestion which waits on ap-petite.

She is a familiar figure in the Washington markets, her smart little run-about many times being filled with the more perishable fruits of her domestic shopping.

Altogether she would make a "fine

Altogether she would make a "fine wife for a poor man."

She is open handed and generous, a devoted church woman and until quite recently, a member of St. Thomas' Episcopal church. She now attends St. Margaret's, where her brother. Richard Wilmer Bolling, is an usher and where her mother. Mrs. W. H. Bolling, her unmarried brother, John-Randolph Bolling, and her sister, Miss Bertha Bolling, also attend.

## Fond of Young People

"To show the younger contingent a good time" is one of her attributes. Not less is she considerate of the aged. Many instances of her looking up the invalid and elderly and taking them for drives about the parks are recorded. The mother of a young southern woman employed in one of the government departments came to visit her daughter, whom the president's bride that frequently met. Almost daily throughout the visit she appeared either in the afternoon or morning and acted as cicerone.

As to her accomplishments, the bride, possessing an avid mind and having rayeld extensively she has passed some time in every country in Europe and has traveled throughout the United States, Canada and Alaska - is thoroughly in touch with the thought and development of the life of the day. She speaks French well. She is a talente speaks french well. She is a falented plantst. Her fine mozzo soprano volce, while untrained is admirably suited to ballad singing. She is fond of singing. So also is the president, who himself has a good voice.

Finally she is well poised, "very hu rimity site is well poised, "very nu-man" and thoroughly unaffected and sincere. Not only charmingly pretty, she has the distinction of manner and carriage which will admirably conforms to the role she is soon to assume—chatman mander the bride's family, has been possibled to ultra brighness. The old fashioned buffet is laden with the hand wrought silver of the olling family.

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