

finer taste. The bride wears a reception toilet, and the groom is in full evening dress. After an informal wedding, and to be sent to distant friends, cards are prepared in the following form and sent by post:

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES REMINGTON
Announce the marriage of their daughter,
MISS MARIA LOUISA,
and
MR. WILLIAM HENRY JAMESON,
Tuesday, October 10th, 1878.
No. — Taylor Street, San Francisco.

In response to this, a note of congratulation is usually sent to the parents of the bride, and also to the bridal pair, if the intimacy of the parties warrants it.

If there has been no reception, and a reception follows their return to town, even though the young people take possession of their own house, the mother of the bride usually gives one to them. If it be given only in the evening, cards should be issued in the name of the parents and the young people, and the two cards sent in the same envelope.

The method of entrance into church given above is approved by the best society, but the old ceremonial can be used if preferred. If there are no bridesmaids, the ushers walk into church in pairs, just in advance of the groom, and, parting at the altar, half stand at one side and half at the other. While the clergyman is congratulating the bride they become pairs again.

Weddings at home vary little from those at churches. An altar, a place for kneeling, and floral devices are easily arranged. When the marriage-ceremony is concluded, the party turn in their places, and face their friends, who wait to congratulate them. If space be of importance, the kneeling-stool, and even