

ices; wedding cake; petit fours; Roman punch; chocolate and coffee.

Matters matrimonial at the White House fell off somewhat after the Grover Cleveland nuptials but picked up again when the Theodore Roosevelts moved in. Princess Alice, still living in the Capital city at a spritely 92 years old, was married in the East Room to Nicholas Longworth.

There were no bridal attendants--nothing to take away from the bride herself. She entered on the arm of her father to the march from "Tannhauser."

Even the floral decorations in the room were sparse so the guests, numbering between 700 and 1,000, could concentrate on the tall slender bride in the white satin gown with a six-yard train of silver brocade and an equally long veil pinned into her pompador. She almost topped her

bridegroom and father in height.

The wedding was Feb. 17, 1907. The wedding gifts ranged from sublime (a long mosaic-encrusted table from Italy and a Gobelin tapestry) to the freakish (dust mops, a box of snakes and a mouse trap).

After that, the hearts-and-flowers events declined. It is doubtful that when they picked up again in the Johnson and Nixon administrations the pace was the same, although even the simplest ceremonies will generate excitement.

But experts say the most far out ceremony of the 60s couldn't top Algernon's bridal bouquet--or the barrel of popcorn which turned up on the list of Roosevelt-Longworth loot.

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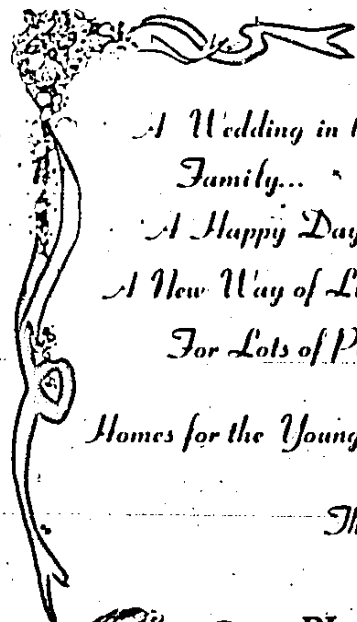
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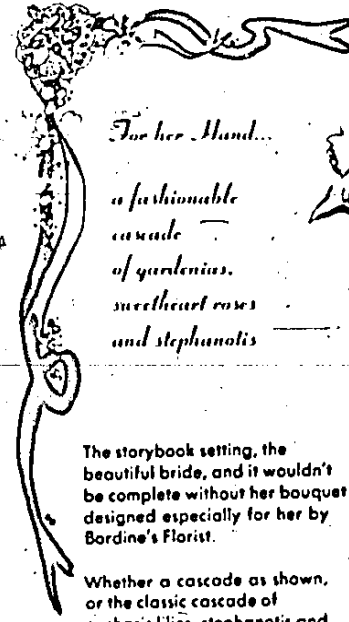
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