

# the disappearing gift for today's weddings

bride receives sterling today," stated Ms. Morrison, is if there is sterling in the family and a piece is given to augment the set."

The absence of silver gifts for wedding and shower gifts marks the most significant change in gift-giving trends.

Other trends, however, become apparent as the economy affects the buying power of the consumer.

Ms. Morrison observed that the brides' selections have changed from fine china to stoneware. "It's guaranteed to last a long time. She may even start the set when it's on sale, and then get the rest for gifts," she said.

Frequently requested gifts include food processors, microwaves and clocks, Mrs. Morrison said. "Almost every bride seems to register for a clock, but I would have to say that food processors are the most popular item."

So far no men have specifically registered at the bridal registries, but it is becoming increasingly common for the future bridegroom to accompany his bride and help select items they would like to receive.

At this time, he may ask her to list household tools, bar accessories, or other things he may like to receive at a couple's shower.

"Grooms may put down garden tools, coolers, Coleman stoves and assorted camping equipment. This

is particularly true for June and July weddings."

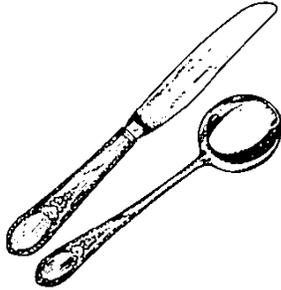
Lucille Greiner, bridal consult-

ant of Hudson's Twelve Oaks store observed, "More brides are asking for luggage today than ever before. But they are also asking for the traditional food processor, vacuum cleaners, woks and crockpots.

She added that many grooms coming in also voice their opinions about what kind of cooking equipment they would like to have. Their concern is getting something that is easy to care for. "And they

always want an omelet pan," she said.

Some of the more unusual requests that have gone down in the annals of bridal registries include a video tape-recorder, and backgammon game. "But," recalled Ms. Yaksich, "the most unusual request we have every had was one happy couple who requested 100 bottles of wine. I guess a lot depends on the economy."



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