

Nuptial gifts for each other

ALTHOUGH wedding rings are gifts a bride and groom give each other, it has become traditional to mark the celebration with another, more private exchange of presents. Conventionally, this gift also has been a piece of jewelry, most often a watch or second ring.

Of course, not just any Swatch or Timex will do for the occasion. Keepsake timepieces are available in a wide range of prices.

At the top of the line for both men and women are designer watches with wafer-thin cases and subtle diamond styling. There are chronometers that will function in outer space or beneath the 12-mile reef.

And then there are watches that offer history, as well as style. Antique pocket watches come in plain and fancy styles, with price tags to match.

One line of watches has brought out reproductions of '30s- and '40s-style wrist watches for under \$300. For women, there are old-fashioned brooch and delicate pendant watches, available in estate jewelry collections and in antique stores.

GROOMS WHO WANT to adorn

the bride on her wedding day have a number of options. In addition to a diamond engagement ring, a man can offer his intended a solitaire pendant, diamond stud earrings or a tennis bracelet, those elegant strips of sparkling simplicity. "Cocktail" rings of diamonds and colored gemstones also can mark the event.

The 16- to 18-inch pearl necklace is a bridal tradition, but pearls come in all lengths. A bride with a swan neck might like a choker (14 to 15 inches) or a Princess Di-style collar. The matinee length (22 to 23 inches) or opera style (30 to 36 inches) might suit another woman's style.

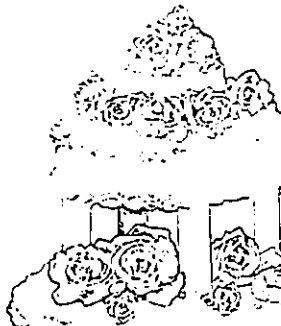
Another kind of pre-nuptial present that's traditional is the monogrammed sterling silver or gold brush set. For men, this usually includes a twin set of brushes. For women, the basic set includes a mirror, comb and brush. Crystal perfume bottles also are appropriate.

ANOTHER POPULAR gift is an elegantly ornate frame for a wedding picture. These frames can be as plain or elaborate as one's taste, and they can be monogrammed and personalized with initials and wedding date.

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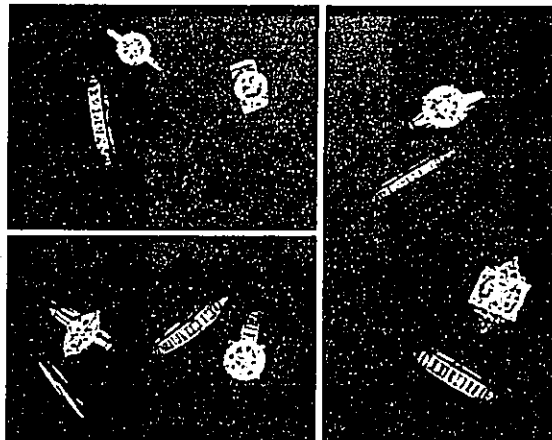
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