

A Wedding Party You Recently Attended

The marriage of my friends' brother came off in Nov. I was cordially invited to attend that. It was the grandest marriage, I had ever attended. It afforded great joy and mirth to every member of the procession. It is an unforgettable experience.

On the day of marriage, the house of my friend was tastefully decorated with multi colored flowers, bunting and balloons. A served with juice, sweets, dry fruits and coffee. In the evening at about 4 p.m., some ceremonies, prior to the departure of the *Barat* were performed. Everybody was putting on his best suit. There was joy and cheer everywhere.

The priest put a coronet decked with flowers on the bridegroom's head. The women started singing songs. The bridegroom was made to ride a mare decked with ornaments' of silver. The best band of the city created sweet sensations by its tunes of modern films. The *Barat* started on foot towards the bride's house. It was at a distance of half a mile. The party of jolly young boys and girls began to dance and twist to the tunes of the band. There was a drum beater surrounded by lust young bachelors chancing and jumping at the head of the barat, crackers were also let off. The on lookers were looking at the *Barat* with eager eyes from both the sides of the roads.

The *Barat* reached near the bride's house. Multi colored bulbs, flowers and buntings decorated the house and it looked as if it were a place in paradise. The seating arrangement was made under a very big canopy. The Barat received the heartiest reception.

The priest recited verses from the scriptures. The bride's father and bride groom's father embraced each other amidst shouts. The automatic camera took photographs. The bride groom was made to ride a mare decked with ornaments of silver. The best band of the city created sweet sensations by its tunes of modern films. The *Barat* started on foot towards the bride's house. It was at a distance of half a mile.

The marriage was solemnized amidst *Vedic* mantra's before the holy fire. In the early dawn the bride parted from her parents with tears in her eyes to start a new life in her in laws house.