

# Give Her Something Useful

By Regina Kildee

**B**EFORE long Sally Senior will cock her mortar board over her newly waved tresses, trip nonchalantly across the platform, receive a diploma with almost eager hands, and walk back to her seat as Sarah Alum. Graduation gifts she really likes will do much toward making the jump from Sally to Sarah seem the momentous and joyous occasion it really should be.

Even though trips to Europe and sports-model roadsters may be quite out of the question as graduation gifts this year, it should not prove difficult to find just the thing that will delight Sally's heart.

Is she going to stay home next year and learn cooking and sewing and paying social calls, or is she looking forward to going out into the cruel, cruel world as a teacher or business woman? Or perhaps she and Georgie Grad have been saving their pennies and are planning a summer or autumn wedding. Whatever Sally's immediate future will be, or even if no one knows, there are certain gifts that she'll welcome with delight.

Unless she's fairly sure of going to the tropics, you've not a chance of missing on a steamer rug or a woolly blanket. She'd love a good-looking leather pocket-book, or, if she'll be dressing up much, a frothy party purse. No girl ever had too many gloves, so choose anything from pigskin gauntlets to long evening gloves. Probably the former or some in-between type will be a better choice if Sally intends to be a teacher or a business woman.

If she dotes luxuriously on a special brand of perfume, and if you are positive that you know what that brand is, your difficulty is solved. Lingerie will thrill

her, as will lots and lots of handkerchiefs of fine Irish linen. Or give her costume jewelry to go with her favorite outfit, and she'll rave about your thoughtfulness. If Sally hasn't a ring that is set with her favorite stone or a good wrist watch, she'd adore either.

If Sally is planning to go into business or teaching next year, a typewriter will be a very useful gift. Good luggage or a desk fountain pen outfit will make her feel very dignified and important. An alarm clock will be a gift appreciated this June if not on frigid mornings next January. Probably there's some book Sally would just love to have and really needs for her work, but which costs more than she's wanted to pay while in college. If you can discover what this book is, get it for her, and she'll be your lifelong friend.

Books will also be appreciated if Sally's going to stay home; give her a nice edition of something she really likes. A copy of her favorite picture, too, will delight her.

If she's planning her wedding, Sally will be thrilled to receive some of the lovely linens now so evident in the stores, or some glassware or dishes. If she's chosen her silver pattern, any gift in this line will be especially acceptable. A clock (not an alarm clock this time, but one to put in the living room) will be very welcome. A small oriental rug or a pretty lamp will be received with squeals of delight by our bride-to-be.

As Sally Senior, in cap and gown, marches in the long procession to the graduation exercises, her still-collegiate mind will turn to the gifts she has just left. While Sarah Alum is sedately walking home, diploma in hand, your gift

will once more come in for a bit of attention—this time more practical. The perfect gift is one that will make Sally feel like marring the dignity of the procession by a happy skip, and which will cause Sarah to wonder, "How could she know that was the very thing I'll need most next year?"

The perfect graduation gift is one which will appeal not only to Sally Senior, but also to the sedate Sarah Alum.

## Another Wedding?

By Virginia Kirstein

**T**HERE is a large, square white envelope in the mail for you on a June morning. You open it eagerly and shriek with sudden surprise, "Another marriage! I haven't seen her since our sophomore year in college. I wonder what kind of man she is marrying?" Then, after a moment's thought, "Oh, dear! What shall I wear? I haven't a decent rag in the house!—Shall I answer an invitation to a church wedding? Must I send a present?"

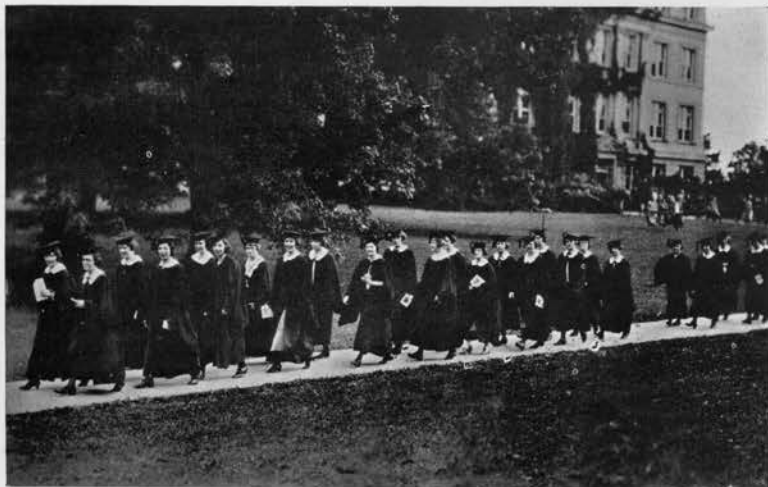
The points in wedding etiquette are quite well defined, and one really need not worry about them, as they follow the lines of reason and common sense. Consult some of the well-known authorities if your ideas of wedding etiquette are vague.

In "Vogue's Book of Etiquette" we read that in answering wedding invitations it is proper to use exactly the same form as that received. If the invitation was very, very formal, or just a friendly note, answer in the same vein. However, church invitations do not usually require an answer, unless one feels that a place is being reserved for her. A wedding breakfast invitation obviously requires acceptance or regrets, as it is necessary to know approximately the number of guests expected. Announcements usually are sent after the wedding has taken place, and do not call for acknowledgement.

Many of us wonder what will be the right thing to wear. Of course, the formality of the ceremony will determine the suitable dress. Church weddings require no different costume than what one would ordinarily wear inside a church. A hat, of course, and a more formal costume than one would wear to a garden wedding. Simplicity marks good taste in clothes, as well as in most other personal things.

The question of a present is sometimes a difficult one. It is not necessary to send a gift, unless one is a relative or close friend of the bride or her family. Most of us feel, however, that if we are considered worthy of an invitation, it is but a courteous gesture on our part to choose something for the new home. The couple

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