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## Old October.

Old October's purt' nigh gone And the frosts is comin' on Little heavier every day Like our hearts is that away! Leaves is changin' over head, Back from green to gray and red, Brown and yeller, with the stems Loosenin' on the oaks and e'ms; And the balance of the trees Gittin' balder every breeze-Like the heads we're scratchin' on! Old October's purt' nigh gone.

I love Old October so, I can't bear to see her go-Seems to me like losin' some Old-home relative er chum-'Pears like sort o' settin' by Some old friend 'at sigh by sigh Was a-passin' out o' sight

Into everlastin' night! Hickernuts a feller hears Rattlin' down is more like tears Drappin' on the leaves below-I love old October so!

Can't tell what it is about Old October knocks me out!-I sleep well enough at night-And the blamedest appetite Ever mortal man possessed-Last thing et, it tastes the best!-Warnuts, butternuts, pawpaws. Iles and limbers up my jaws Fer raal service sich as new Pork, spareribs, and sausage, too-Yit, fer all, they's somepin 'bout Old October knocks me out.

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## Suggestions for Autumn Weddings.

Aunt Mary Writes Helpfully of the Decorations, the Ceremony, and the Dress of Both Bride and Groom.

A wedding in the country can be tle in the rear of the bride until the made most attractive at very little clergyman asks, "Who giveth this cost, whether in the church or at woman to be married to this man?" home. At this season of the year Then he steps forward, places his the glorious autumn leaves, golden- daughter's hand into that of the rod, and asters can be had in pro- groom and says, "I do." He then fusion, and should be used lavishly takes his place in the front pew with in the decoration. Branches of long- his wife or other immediate memleaf pine or small, prettily shaped bers of the family. cedars, placed in jardinieres or flower pots, filled with damp earth with green moss make almost as effective a decoration as pots of ferns or palms. Do not use many vines in decorating; though attractive when first arranged, they are apt to will in a short time and so cease to be attractive. Do not use cheap effects such as paper flowers and evergreens sprinkled with flour or shining dusts of any kind. Potted plants of all kinds whether in leaf or flower are lovely for decoration and a pretty effect is sometimes obtained by placing the pot on its side; one gets a fuller view of the plant.

If the church has a vestry-room, pastor's study or some similar room. the groom, with his best man, will enter the church from that room at the first strains of the wedding march and await at the altar the coming of the bride and her attendants.

There is no fixed and immovable rule for the arrangement of the bridal party, though the usual procedure is as follows: First come the ushers, two by two, next the bridesmaids in pairs, then the maid of honor, walking alone, and lastly the bride leaning on the arm of her father or some male relative, if her father be not living. When the ushers reach the altar, dividing, half go to the right, the other half to the left, the bridesmaids do likewise, passing in front of the ushers and forming a portion of a circle near the altar. The maid of honor stands near to the bride on her left and the best man stands near to the fore six o'clock, the groom wears a groom on his right. When the frock coat, light gray trousers, white bride approaches the altar, the waistcoat, white or light gray, silk groom steps forward to meet her, or satin ascot tie, patent leather takes her hand, and leads her to shoes, and a silk hat of course, as their place in front of the officiating that is the only hat fashion permits

The maid of honor holds the bride's bouquet and glove during the ceremony, also lifts back the veil from the bride's face at the conclusion of the ceremony. The organ peals forth and the bride and groom, arm in arm, go down the aisle, followed by the best man and maid of honor together, then the ushers and bridesmaids, each arm in arm. The families of the bride and groom leave, then a general dispersing. Nothing is ruder or in poorer taste than for those in the church to attempt to leave the edifice before the wedding party.

The selection of the bridal costume is a purely personal affair, though an all-white one is generally preferred, with or without a bridal veil. When no veil is worn a white hat should take its place. Never have the wedding-dress cut low in the neck, as for a party dress. If for any reason a collar be not desired, the round, or Dutch neck as it is called, is permissible. A white costume may be worn at a day or an evening wedding. Many brides prefer a traveling costume, or goingaway gown, as it is now called. The expense attending such a wedding is always less, though I doubt not that every girl pictures herself in white with the accompanying long, tulle veil. The bride's bouquet should always be of white flowers, whatever her costume.

At a day wedding, any time beclergyman. The father stands a lit- with a frock coat, at a wedding or