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Useful Wedding Presents.

FROM what I saw of the wedding presents received by the Hon. David Bowes-Lyon and Miss. Rachel Spender Clay (now Mrs. Bowes-Lyon) in the two dining-rooms of Lord and Lady Astor's house in St. James's-square, the number of 400 as given is far short of the truth. I should estimate them at about double that figure:

There is not much difference between the presents received by one popular young couple and another, except that Miss Spender-Clay has received more china and "household gear" and fewer jewels than many recent brides. This is no doubt in accordance with her simple tastes.

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Fine Table Linen.

SHE is to be envied for the exquisite table-linen that the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn gave her—their own son, Lord Hamilton, received much fine linen from Belfast at his wedding—the emerald bracelet from the bridegroom, and for much furniture of the Chippendale period.

It is interesting to note that tortoise-shell, jade and crystal have largely taken the place of silver. Miss Spender-Clay is, I imagine, a Pepys lover, for she has received two copies of the Diary.

Among the original presents that have been given to the Hon. David Bowes-Lyon are a chandelier from Sir Philip Sassoon, and a picture by Laszlo of the Duchess of York, his sister, from his mother.

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