

If a girl catches the bride's bouquet after a wedding, she will be next to marry.



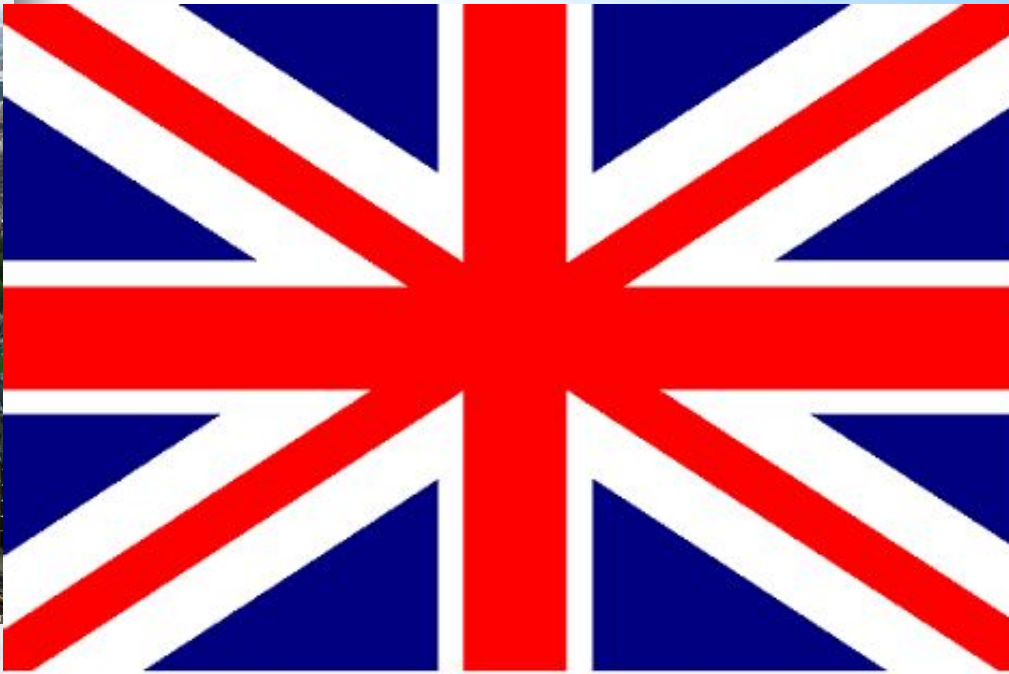
* The contrastive characteristics of wedding omens and superstitions in Kalmykia and England



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In the Britain the wedding of Princess Eugenie with Jack Brooksbank was announced



***THE AIM of the work:** to establish similarities and differences between English and Kalmyk superstitions, signs of wedding ceremonies; to create the booklet.

***The hypothesis of the study:** I assume that the superstition of particular people depends on its socio-cultural characteristics (standard of living, historical roots).



- * To achieve this aim, the following tasks were put forward:
- * 1) to highlight the most common signs and superstitions of wedding traditions in Kalmykia and England;
- * 2) to investigate the attitude of different age groups of people to omens and superstitions.
- * 3) find out the historical origin of wedding traditions of England;
- * 4) to study the literature on the subject of research;

*Methods of research:

- *Theoretical (literature analysis, work with Internet resources, data synthesis).
- *Practical (sociological survey, questionnaire).



**The wedding traditions continue to live.
They are the heart a soul of the people.**





*** «According to Bakshi Iki-Bagutova of khurul Erketenevsk ulus marriage is impossible to the 10-th generation, and according to claim the clergy of the IKI khurul in Malye Derbety (Bakshi, surkhazhi) – up to 49-th of the knee.»**



- * Some kinds of court wedding traditions was introduced by **Queen Victoria**:
- * 1. Colour of a bride's wedding dress - white;
- * 2. The model of a Wedding dress -Victorian Bridal;
- * 3. Lace veil of the bride;
- * 4. Victorian wedding rings;
- * 5. Bridesmaid dresses in pastel shades;
- * 6. Wedding cake;
- * 7. Pieces of cake for guests-in napkins or boxes, bonbonniere.



The entire process consists of the wedding omens and traditions. They are countless.





There are the same greeting newlyweds, the table speeches, the wedding rings the wedding cake, the wedding bouquet.





Since ancient times in England and Kalmykia there is a sign that during the wedding it is to throw a rice grains at the bride and groom.

One of the most important differences is the interpretation of signs- decorative horseshoes.





* So in England only the blue tape is used for decorating weddings . It has long been believed that this colour brings good luck to the newlyweds.



* And Kalmykia has its own omens and superstitions of wedding ceremonies.



* The results of a survey of residents of Sharnut

Age	Quantity	About Kalmyk wedding traditions and superstitions		
		Do not know	Know	Source of knowledge
13-17	25	19	6	From the story of the grandmothers
17-25	11	7	4	From the story of the grandmothers with Internet resources
25-40	5	2	3	From the story of the grandmothers and from printed sources
40-55	5	-	5	family tradition
55 and older	7	-	7	family tradition
Total	53	21	32	

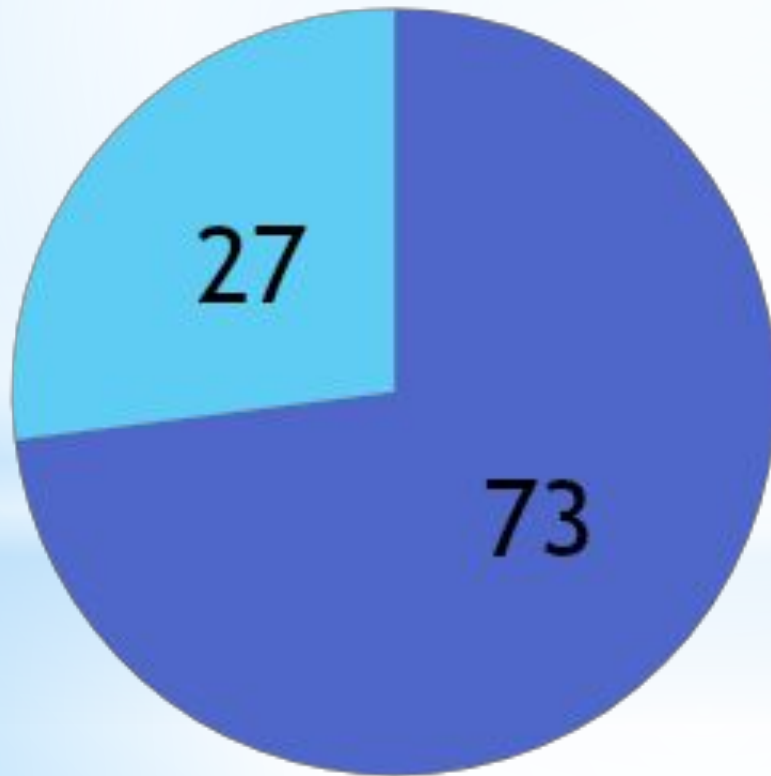


* Sociological survey:

Participant of survey	Quantity of survey participant	Believe in omens		Do not believe in omens		Sometimes believe	
		Quantity	%	Quantity	%	Quantity	%
Teenagers	30	14	47%	10	33%	6	20%
Adults	23	18	78%	3	13%	2	9%
Total	53	32	64%	13	24%	6	12%





*Superstition. Wedding bouquet



- They believe
- They do not believe

Similarities between English and Kalmyk signs

luck	Failure
1) Wedding bouquet	1) Bat
2) Horseshoe	2) To sew a wedding dress the most
3) Rice grains	3) May/October
4) Decorative horseshoe	
5) Veil/kerchief	
6) September	
	

Differences between English and Kalmyk signs

- 1) Shoes/boots;
- 2) Decorative horseshoe;
- 3) Left hand;
- 4) Wedding cake;
- 5) Pin;
- 6) Rain.



The contrastive characteristics of wedding omens and superstitions

№	Customs and traditions	England	Kalmykia
1	Wedding ceremony	The couples prefer to get married in Church. The religious marriage has the same legal effect.	The registration of marriage takes place at the registry office.
2	Meeting of the newlyweds	There is a sign that during the wedding it is to throw a rice grains at the bride and groom. Rice has always been a symbol of fertility, procreation.	there is a sign that during the wedding it is to throw a rice grains at the bride and groom. Rice has always been a symbol of fertility, procreation.
3	The time and date of the wedding.	In England for marriage the most popular month is June.	Gelyung indicates the wedding day on the Kalmyk calendar.
4	Weather	In England the rain during a wedding is considered a bad luck. It symbolizes the tears in their future life.	In Kalmykia rain in the wedding day is a very good sign: it promises wealth and prosperity
5	Wedding dress	It is perfect if the bride will wear something new, something old, something borrowed for a wedding.	The bride is dressed in a white dress with a veil. The color of clothes - white color, symbolizes purity.
6	Veil	According to the traditional belief, the veil is to make the bride unrecognizable and thereby outsmart the evil spirits.	According to the traditional belief, the kerchief are to make the bride unrecognizable and thereby outsmart the evil spirits.
7	Ring	The bride and groom wear a ring on the ring finger of their left hand	The bride and groom wear a ring on the ring finger of their right hand

*Summary:

- * 1. The land of the British and Kalmyks is very rich in its traditions and customs. Despite the fact that many countries and peoples have different paths of development, but the omens and superstitions of the wedding are the same.
- * 2. The wedding ceremonies and traditions are very diverse, colorful and they are an invaluable heritage of the cultures of the English and Kalmyk peoples.
- * 3. In the wedding there are no trifles: day of the wedding, groom's suit, bridesmaid dress, wedding food, bouquet, wedding rings - everything has its importance.
- * 4 Saving of the wedding traditions by my villagers, contributing according to popular belief, the welfare of family life, deserves respect.
- * 5. Studying of the wedding signs and superstitions of Kalmykia and England, I learned more about the country of the target language and rites of the Kalmyk people.

The practical value

- * Practical value: the results of my research can be interesting for people learning the traditions and customs of English speaking countries, and can be used at English lessons, additional classes and optional courses.

Thanks for your attention

