

Legend of the Nuernberg Bridal Cup

Centuries ago, in old Nuernberg, the Nobel mistress Kunigunde fell in love with a young and ambitious goldsmith. Although Kunigunde's wealthy father (a powerful nobleman) disapproved of this pair, it was clear that she only wanted the goldsmith to be her husband as she refused many titled and wealthy suitors who asked for her hand in marriage.

Her father became so enraged that he had the young goldsmith thrown into the darkest dungeon. Not even his daughter's bitter tears would change her father's mind.

To her father's dismay, imprisoning the young man did not end his daughter's love for the goldsmith. Instead, he could only watch as his daughter grew paler and paler due to the separation from her true love.

The wealthy nobleman reluctantly made the following proposal: He told his daughter, "If your goldsmith can make a chalice from which two people can drink at the same time without spilling one single drop, I will free him, and you shall become his bride."

Of course, he was confident nobody could perform such a task...

Inspired by love and skillful hands, the young goldsmith created a masterpiece. He sculpted a girl with a smile as beautiful as his own true love's. Her skirt was hollowed to serve as a cup; her raised arms held a bucket that swivels so that it could be filled and then swung towards a second drinker.

The goldsmith met the nobleman's challenge. The goldsmith and the nobleman's daughter joined hands in marriage. The bridal cup set forth a romantic and memorable tradition that is as charming today as hundreds of years ago.

Instructions:

Hold the bridal cup upside down to fill it. Pour champagne or beverage of your choice into the hollow skirt end. Next, fill the smaller swiveling cup that is now upright. Carefully fill the small cup. With both cups full, the bride and groom must stand close together facing each other with only enough space for the cup. The bride takes the smaller cup in her hand while the groom holds onto the larger cup. At the same time and together, the wedding couple raises the cup to their lips to drink. The couple must be careful not to spill a drop because love, faithfulness, and good luck will be theirs forever if they can drink without spilling a drop!