

# HOW TO WEAR A TIARA



The Empire Diadem.

The T&T auction will include two famous tiaras: The Empire Diadem and the diamond and pearl tiara that Napoléon III had made for his bride. If you plan to buy one, von Spreti has a few tips on the proper art of wearing it.

## UNBREAKABLE RULES

You may wear your tiara to formal weddings but *only* when the bride and the bride's mother also have one.

Tiaras are *only* worn by married women – except for the bride on her wedding day.

Tiaras are *only* worn in the evening – again with the exception of the bride on her wedding day.

Never, *never* upstage the hostess. Your tiara should *always* be smaller than hers.

## OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

You *may* wear your tiara to state functions and galas where the invitation calls for white tie and decorations.

You *may* add the word tiara to invitations to your own gala so your friends can wear theirs. This is probably your only chance to wear the *big one* and not hurt anybody's feelings. Your headgear will only make them very, very jealous.

## WHAT YOU NEED

A hairdresser to anchor it in place.

Other jewelry that matches (earrings, bracelets, necklace and a brooch to hold

your sash in place – *only if it happens to be royal*).

A lot of insurance.

## DOS AND DON'TS

Don't wear a bracelet in your hair hoping it will pass for a tiara. It won't.

Do wear an appropriately large brooch in your hair if your hairdresser is clever enough to handle it and you don't own a real tiara. The added advantage is that you almost certainly won't upstage anyone.

Do wear your tiara *entrebattement* or with the hanging drops. They are so lovely in candlelight.

## IMPLACABLE TRUTHS

A large tiara is *very* hard to wear. Most tiaras live in bank vaults, rarely to come out.

Fake tiaras are best left in the Miss World Contest, where they belong.