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Diamond Wedding. – When our correspondent called on Mr. John Ambrose GARRAWAY, of 36 Hill Street, who celebrated his diamond wedding Thursday, his reply to an inquiry about his health was "I am going to join up next week." Certainly Mr. GARRAWAY does not look his 82 years and his wife, who was formerly Miss Mary MOULAND, of Binstead, looks at least 10 instead of two years younger. They were married at St. John's Church, Newport, and remember the blazing hot day as they took a trip to Brightstone in a wagonette drawn by two greys. Mr. GARRAWAY, who is a retired blacksmith, served his apprenticeship at Bristol, his birthplace, and in 1887 came to the Island, where he plied his trade at Northwood, Newport, and Haylands, until retirement about 20 years ago. While living at Newport he was a member of the Volunteer Fire Brigade and was awarded the long service medal. He served as a farrier in the Royal Field Artillery during the South African wars and, in the Hampshire Carabineers, was in the first world war. After that war Mr. and Mrs. GARRAWAY settled here. They devote considerable time to their garden, which is meticulously tendered, and they are fond of walking. Last year they walked to Arreton and back, a remarkable feat for people of their age. The have five children, 25 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Mrs. GARRAWAY was up early to make a cake for the occasion and they received many congratulatory cards and flowers.

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