Primary Maker: Cornelia De Peyster Teller
Title: **Wedding dress**
Date: ca. 1712, with several alterations into the 20th century
Medium: Silk brocade, needlepoint lace; silk chiffon
Dimensions: Overall: 55 x 70 in. (139.7 x 177.8 cm) Part (waist): 31 1/2 in. (80 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Mrs. Arthur T. Sutcliffe
Object Number: 1949.115a

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Classification: CLOTHING AND FASHION

Curatorial Remarks:
This wedding dress was worn by Cornelia de Peyster, daughter of Isaac and Maria (Van Ball) de Peyster, on October 12, 1712, when she married Oliver Stephen Teller (b. 1685), son of Andres and Sophia (Van Cortlandt) Teller. The dress has undergone alterations, most for Alice Crary Sutcliffe, who wore it for her wedding on April 30, 1908.

Physical Description:
Yellow and cream silk brocade dress a` l' Anglaise of English "lace" period textile design, possibly Anna Maria Garthwaite; fitted bodice cut separately from skirt with pleat from back of shoulder continuing down front (originally it would have been a robe and been known as "robe a'l'Anglaise"); originally worn pinned to sides of matching stomacher (no longer extant, but possibly made into front waist fitting); yellow brocade piece turned to cross grain
and made into front waist fitting attached below a silk chiffon modesty piece creating a low square neckline (all alteration - sub index letter e); three-quarter length fitted sleeves with large turned-back cuff and needlepoint lace ruffles with a floral pattern at the edge; full round skirt and matching petticoat with pleats at sides; needlepoint net and lace engageantes not original to dress.

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