

you to observe all the finical rules of politeness, where they are certain to be neither understood nor appreciated.

There cannot be greater rudeness than displaying any of the real polish of conventional rules, amongst those who are so ill-acquainted with them as to appear more ignorant than yourself.

Whoever at home or abroad talks much about what is genteel or fashionable, or what is the reverse, shows that she is herself unacquainted with true good breeding. The term *genteel* is only found in the mouths of those who have it nowhere else.

CHAPTER II.

INTRODUCTIONS.

As a general rule, do not introduce a gentleman to a lady without first privately asking her permission.

In going through the ceremony of introducing pronounce the name of the lady first, adding, "permit me to present to you Mr. —"