

An invitation to a rose or lawn party might read thus:

Mrs. James Smith

The Misses Smith

at Home

*Tuesday evening, June the twenty-eighth
at eight o'clock*

*Rose Party
212 Sheridan Avenue*

*To meet
The Misses White*

In writing invitations for a club for which one is acting as secretary it would be wise to put them in the third person, and then there would be no embarrassment about the arrangement of names.

The words "reception" and "at home" are synonymous. Each means an entertainment which takes place between certain stated hours in the afternoon or evening, where refreshments are served, and no especial order of amusement is provided, unless it is specified in the invitations. To a "reception" or "at home" the hostess generally sends invitations to all on her calling list. These large functions are usually given for some especial purpose; as, to introduce a *débutante* into society, to celebrate a wedding anniversary, or for the bride and groom after the wedding ceremony, or merely that the hostess may meet all her friends.

There is, however, a decided distinction between a "reception," or an "at home" and a "tea." An invitation to the first is often engraved on a sheet of note-paper or a large-sized card, and is formally worded. The hours for the afternoon function are usually from four until seven, and one