

The one great rule, which should govern all her actions, should be "*courtesy to all.*" The high and the low—the tradesman and the domestic, as well as our equals and superiors, have all a claim to courtesy—especially, to courtesy from a woman. By that courtesy, she will win affection and esteem, more rapidly, and more certainly, than by her talents, wit, or learning. She gains respect by bestowing it, and shows her own superiority, by assuming none. Courtesy is generally a gainer, but never a loser.

The laws of etiquette have been classed and explained in the following pages, and every lady who does not wholly disregard the ordinary courtesies of life, will find this little volume a valuable drawing room companion.

