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A complete knowledge of the laws of etiquette, is indispensable to every lady who desires to preserve her own dignity in mingling with the world, and who hopes to command the respect due to her sex. An eloquent writer on the necessity of these laws, says, that "as man is a social being, that science must be an important one, which teaches him how to conduct himself in society."

A woman may have many excellent qualities—her heart may be full of kindness, and her mind richly stored with knowledge—yet, unless she is acquainted with the despotic little laws imposed by society, these will not preserve her from ridicule, or teach her how to avoid wounding her best friends, by an act which they may consider slighting.

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