

## CHAPTER IV.

## NOTES AND CARDS OF INVITATION.

INVITATIONS should be sent in the name of the lady of the house.

The usual form is simply "Mrs. — requests the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. —'s company on - - - - ." The evening, the date of that evening, and if the party is *small* the hour, are then inserted.

If the daughters and sons of the family are invited, a separate note is sent to the Misses — and another to the Messieurs —.

The answer should be "Mr. and Mrs. — accept with pleasure Mrs. —'s invitation for Thursday evening next;" (or whatever evening it may be;) the date of the day in which the answer is written is placed on the left hand, at the bottom of the note.

If a refusal is sent it should be expressed as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. — regret that it will not be in their power to accept Mrs. —'s invitation for Thursday evening next," the date as before.

Replies or invitations couched in unusual