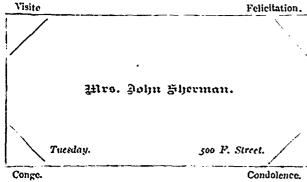
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CARD ETIQUETTE AT WASHINGTON.

Etiquette prescribes engraved cards for use in calling, and it is customary for the lady to have printed upon one corner of her card the day of the week upon which she receives. Visitors in calling hand their cards to the usher or leave them upon the table in the hall. Etiquette prescribes that every lady, except the one presiding at the White House, shall return the first call of any one who calls upon her.

The etiquette of cards at Washington puzzles many strangers. The sizes and styles of cards are governed by the season, and autographs or written cards, one authority states, are to be used only among intimate friends. A married lady should always use the prefix "Mrs.," and she should always use her husband's name. The use of her own name is an indication that she is a widow. The corners of ladies' cards in Washington usually contain their residences and their calling day. It is common for a lady to take her husband's card with her, and it is by card that half of the calls of Senators and Representatives are made. The ladies do the calling. The custom of turning down cards prevails there to a larger extent than in other parts of the United States. To one who understands the language of the turned corners there is considerable advantage in it. The following diagram will illustrate it:



The signification of a card received with either of the corners turned as above indicated means: visite, a social call; congé, a visit of leave-taking; condolence, a visit of sympathy; felicitation, a visit of congratulation. Turning down the whole right end of the card shows that the visit is for all receiving. This explanation will be news to many, and we have known girls to lie awake at night wondering why certain Senator's wives turned down the ends of their cards and others did not.—Western Stationer.

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