

ETIQUETTE

FOR LADIES.

CHAPTER I.

TRUE POLITENESS.

TRUE Politeness is the offspring of good-breeding and good-nature. Persons may be *ceremonious*, but they cannot be really *polite* without retaining some kindly feeling towards their neighbours—without being willing to overlook the faults, and to search out the virtues of their fellow creatures.

The manners of a man may lose their grace and refinement by too close application to business, or to literary pursuits, but want of polish in a lady is inexcusable. It is essentially her province to please, and politeness has been termed the “art of pleasing.”

To be courteous, she should accommodate her feelings to the feelings of those with