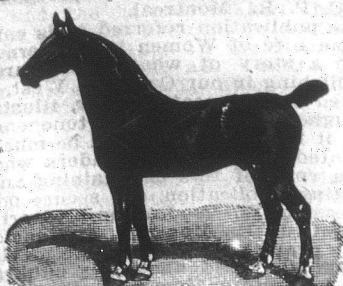


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## Hints on Etiquette.

Any and all gifts should be acknowledged by a note of thanks.

The calling card should be sent with a wedding gift.

Soup or any liquid should be eaten or drunk from the side of the spoon.

The hostess shakes hands both on greeting and taking leave of a guest.

A note of sympathy should be sent a friend who has suffered a bereavement.

When meeting or leaving a lady on the street a gentleman always raises his hat.

In the elevator of a hotel or apartment house a gentleman removes his hat.

When calling upon a visiting friend your card must be also left for her hostess.

When entering a door or any place an older woman always precedes the younger one.

A gentleman precedes a lady when ascending stairs and follows her when descending them.

A gentleman must always wait for the lady to recognize him before he has the privilege of bowing.

A bride gives a gift to each of her attendants, the gifts should be all alike or at least of equal value.

Courtesy and consideration for others is the very beginning and foundation stone of good manners.

A widow retains her deceased husband's name on her calling cards as: "Mrs. James Brown Young."

If the eldest of several daughters the calling cards should read "Miss Douglass" without the Christian name.

When it is necessary to reply to a wedding invitation the answer should be addressed to the bride's parents or to the one issuing the invitation.

Plain white note paper of heavy quality that folds once shows the best taste for all forms of social correspondence.

The lady's permission must always be asked and granted before a gentleman may expect to begin a correspondence.

When a man meets a friend accompanied by a lady, even though she is not known to him, he always raises his hat.

Always answer an invitation to a dinner as soon as possible after it is received, never later than the day after it is received.

A bride selects her bridesmaids from among her most intimate friends, if the bridegroom has a sister she is usually asked to be maid of honor.

When giving a house-party the period of the visit should be definitely stated in the invitation, this will prevent any confusion or misunderstanding.

If a wedding is a small affair and the invitations limited, marriage announcements are sent to all friends and acquaintances not invited to the ceremony.

After an introduction and on a subsequent meeting a gentleman must wait for the lady to recognize him before he can bow or claim further acquaintance.

A casual or business introduction does not carry the obligation of a further acquaintance, in such cases on a subsequent meeting it is not even necessary for the lady to bow.

When visiting in a city you may inform your friends of your presence by short informal notes, mentioning where you are stopping and saying you would be glad to have them call.

After a visit of several days or even for over night a courteous note should be sent to the hostess, thanking her for her hospitality and expressing your pleasure in the visit.

An answer to an invitation issued in the name of the host and hostess is addressed to the hostess, she has charge of the invitations and it is not necessary to address both host and hostess.

A letter of introduction may be mailed with the calling card enclosed or left in person with one's card; but without calling for the person to whom it is addressed.

The letters R.S.V.P. stand for the French words: "Repondez, S'il Vous Plait," literally "Answer, if you please." When on an invitation a written answer is required.

Notes between acquaintances may begin: "My dear Miss Gordon," or "Dear Miss Gordon," and in closing "Sincerely yours," Yours sincerely, or "Yours cordially" may be used.

An informal note written in the first person should be answered in that person; be careful to avoid changing from the first to the third person as is often done through carelessness.

Never send a calling card with "regrets or accepts" written across it in reply to a written invitation; as has been stated before a written invitation requires a written answer.

In giving an afternoon tea in order that your friends may meet a friend visiting you the calling card may be used with the hour written upon it and across the top "To meet Miss Barker."

Persons in mourning do not accept invitations; but wedding invitations, marriage announcements and invitations of a general nature are sent to them. Their cards are sent in acknowledgement for such invitations.

On receiving an invitation to a dinner, luncheon, card or theatre party, it should be answered immediately. This is imperative as it is always necessary for the hostess to know for how many she must provide.

In laying the table at each plate the forks are placed on the left and the knives and spoons on the right, the edge of the knives toward the plate and the forks and spoons with the right sides up. A well set table is one of the first requisites of a successful dinner.

After a bereavement in the home of a friend or acquaintance a call is made either before or after the funeral. Unless a very intimate friend do not ask for any member of the family; but the calling card may be left "With sympathy" written upon it.

At a large formal dinner it is well to have at each place a place card with the guest's name written upon it. This will avoid any confusion and relieve the hostess of the necessity of designating the places. She may direct in a general way, saying: "Mrs. Blank, I believe you will find your seat on this side," etc.

When calling a woman leaves her own cards for only the ladies of the household; as the card represents the person and ladies do not call upon men, the card is never left for the men of the household; if the caller is a married woman she may leave two of her husband's cards, one for the mistress and one for the master of the house.

It is exceedingly bad form to use any prefix when signing the name to a note or letter. Mrs. Brown signs her name "Mary Brown," never with the prefix "Mrs." If an answer is required and the person addressed does not know the husband's name she may add in brackets, Mrs. William G. Brown, with the address beneath.

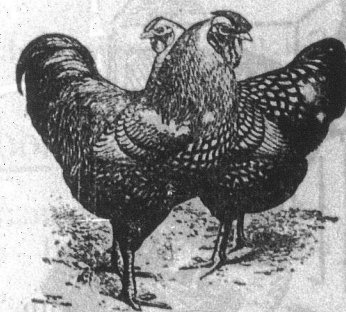
When an engagement is announced if the parents of the groom elect live in a distant city, they should immediately write a cordial letter to the bride elect, even if they do not know her, expressing their pleasure and gratification at the news and usually extending an invitation to her to visit them, in order to meet her and show her all possible kindness and courtesy.

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