

NEW FORMS OF INVITATION.

Dame Russon decrees a decided departure in the phrasing of her formal invitations this season, which seems to be chiefly the abundant use of small words. Everything that can be written, numerals included, is written in full. Prepositions play a conspicuous part and change the old forms completely.

Take, for instance, at home cards. Literally speaking, they should now be called "will be at home" cards, for so, this season, they are written, thus changing in more ways than one. The old form reads:

At home.

Mrs. Blank,
Wednesday, December third,
from four to six.
6500 Fifth avenue.

The new form is far more elaborate:

Mrs. Blank,

will be at home
on the afternoon of Saturday, the
twentieth December,
from four until seven o'clock,
at Six Thousand Fifth avenue.

In the matter of debutante cards there also is a change. Last season they read:

Mrs. Blank,

and
Miss Blank,

will be at home, etc.

In a family where the debutante is a younger daughter her name follows that of her older sister on the card, and is written in full, the form being:

Mrs. Blank,

and Miss Blank,

will be at home, etc.

Cards five and a half by three and a half inches are used for every form of afternoon invitations, and sometimes for evening, the engraved notes are suitable for evening functions. There is a form of card which persons who entertain extensively find exceedingly useful. It is engraved like this:

requests the pleasure of

company

on

at

o'clock.

R.s.v.p. Six thousand Fifth-avenue.

The blank spaces are to be filled in with the name of the hostess, her guest, the form of the entertainment, the day and the hour. Such cards can be used for dinners, theatricals, card parties, receptions, and, indeed, for any purpose.

Another change is in the form of the card "to meet" persons whom the hostess is especially entertaining. This used to read:

Mrs. Blank

requests the pleasure of your company to meet

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, etc.

Now the guests singled out for distinction are given the place of honor on the card, and the form is far more elegant:

To meet

Mr. and Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Blank

requests the pleasure, etc.

Cards of invitation and notes of invitation are not to be confounded. According to the season's fancy, the cards are distinctly for afternoon use, and the names of the women of the family only appear on the card. The address, written in full, is a

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part of the form of the invitation, finishing out the last line and never detached from it, and put in the right hand corner, as was the old way. The only exception to this is that card already described, so much of which is left blank for general invitations of a less formal character. On that the address appears in the right hand corner, while the letters R.s.v.p. occupy the left corner.

Mr. Geo. Moser, Fairbault, Minnesota, writes: "Mrs. Sophie Stelmacher had an open wound on her foot, from which she suffered almost 17 years. Thanks to the continued use of Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops she has now completely recovered and begs to express to you her heartfelt thanks for it."

Would Like to Experiment.

Brooklyn Eagle.

"I read the other day," he said, "of a fellow who hypnotized a girl and then kissed her."

"You're not a hypnotist, are you George?" she asked.

"No," he replied. "Why?"

"Because," she returned, wistfully, "I believe I'd be a splendid subject."

HOW MEN MAY WALK WELL.

There is an Art in the Exercise That Should Not be Overlooked.

These suggestions for the benefit of pedestrians are made by a writer on hygienic matters: Not every man can be a great walker, but every normal man can be a good walker. There is no better exercise. Even starchy walking is good, but it is easy to drop the starchy part and make the every day walking one of the best of health helpers. Every normal man does miles of walking each day, regardless of cars and carriages. Let him make his walking a little more careful, a little more thoughtful. No need to take an extra step unless the delight of it inspires the effort. Walk with the head up, chin down, shoulders back, abdominal muscles tense and ending each step with a toe tip. "Toe out" slightly, bend knees without a wobbly motion and avoid pounding the pavement with heels.

Carry head and shoulders steady without any side swaying. If unused to such effort it will require much thought at first to keep from lapsing into careless ways. After a few trials the ease, comfort and inspiration of such a walk will encourage persistence. Breathe deeply, slowly, and through the nose. Walk when you can, bearing in mind that perhaps "he who rides in a carriage rides toward his grave." Do not sit hunched up at a desk or a table. Hold the upper body as in walking. Bend at the hips and at the neck when necessary, but never hump the back and shoulders. Give the lungs room, keep them filled with new air and do not let the backbone curve either to the right or to the left. Sleeping on the right side is best. On the back is the snoring position. Take plenty of sleep; to rest in bed is the best of nerve tonics. Worries are sleep scarers.

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30.....1,000......25......66

35.....1,000......25......68

40.....1,000......25......70

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Poor Old Dad.

You kin see 'em pick up a paper 'An' 'er 'poet's corner' greet, 'Cept 'e'll see 'er pirty poem

'Bout the mother, saintly sweet; But 'e'll have a time a-saracin' 'Ere 'e'll overtake 'er poem

'At this time for pore ole dad!

No, it isn't willful in 'em—Then that write of mother dear—That thar's never notice taken

Of her ole man settin' near; No, it's never meant to slight him. But 'e'll have a time a-saracin' All the bouquets made for mother,

Not a bloom for poor old dad!

True, our mother watched above us, Till her dear ole eyes wud ache, But old dad, he humped to feed us, Till his back wud nearly break.

Mother crooned above the cradle, Gave devotion all she had; Still, that wasn't any circus 'At this time for pore ole dad!

Do not take one line from mother When ye write the soul-sweet song. But if thar's a word for father Now and then it won't be wrong.

Pore ole sole! He's bent and wrinkled, 'An' I know, 't would make him glad If, while you are praisin' mother, Somethin' 's said for pore old dad!

Can't Help Herself to His Cash.

N. Y. Sun.

Hewitt—I hear that your wife has hurt her hand. Does it trouble her much?

Jewett—Yes, it's swollen so that she can't get it into my pockets.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Pointed Paragraphs.

A stout calf maked a full stocking. The man who has but one suit of clothes has no redress.

There is plenty of room at the top of the greased pole of success.

When a man's temper gets the best of him it shows him at his worst.

Many a fool man casts a shadow on his life by standing in his own light.

A man usually makes a lot of new tracks in attempting to cover his old ones.

When they overtake a horse thief in Arizona they call a halt, then call for a halter.

If people were compelled to follow the advice they give there would soon be an advice famine.

Didn't Like Shakespeare.

A lady living in New York has a maid of whom she is quite fond, and whom she considers a superior young person. Thinking to give her a great pleasure she purchased tickets for the theatre and gave them to her. The next day she asked the girl how she enjoyed the performance.

"Well, ma'am, I didn't think much of it," said the girl.

"What was the play?" asked Mrs. Julia.

"Well, it had no name, ma'am," said Julia.

"No name?" exclaimed Mrs. — in astonishment.

"No, ma'am," said Julia, "the programme had printed on it 'As You Like It,' and we didn't like it at all."

EXTRAVAGANCE GROWS.

America Has Not Yet Developed the "Perfect Spendthrift."

Yet, uneconomical and extravagant as we are, we have not yet developed the "perfect spendthrift," as no is to be found on the other side of the Atlantic. It seems at times as if he must be a product of an older, a more "refined" civilization. The man, either young or old, who runs through a large fortune quickly in a variety with us, sign as our standard of living, and of the ordinary expense of living is, our standard of what might be called prodigal extravagance is by no means so high. Of course, very large sums are wasted in various forms of dissipation, here as elsewhere. But that is not the point. To take the single item of gambling, how often do we hear of a man's being ruined by it here? No doubt we hear stories of tremendous sums lost and won; but such sums do not seem either "to make or to break" anybody. For many whose incomes are reckoned by the hundreds of thousands or millions to play hundred-dollar poker is no great recklessness. But how often do we see young men, of the semi-salaried sort, putting a thousand or two thousand dollars at a time at baccarat, as you can any day in France? We have not the inclination to save and scrape what clings to the year, and then shell out all our savings in a fortnight.

I once met in France a young man of old provincial family, Legitimist to the backbone, prudent, slow, and he was about twenty-one, modest, thoroughly "correct," as good, innocent a young fellow as one would care to meet; the sort of young man up to his heels in the old French fiction, though by no means a great rarity in French real life. I happened to ask him one day if he ever played cards. He said he did not care for that sort of thing, and besides, his means would not permit it. "I never go into a gambling saloon," said he, "or into the card-room of a club; sometimes I join in a little game of poker among friends, just to pass the time, but only a very small game, never more than a louis limit." A louis limit! I wonder what club he belonged to? The millionnaire class, in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, or any of our large eastern cities would call four-dollar poker a "very small" game. From "The Pole of View," in the February Scribner's.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

No Lack of Parsons.

A Scotch divine took one of his parishioners to task for his non-attendance at kirk; the man said:

"I dinna like lang sermons." The parson, with some wrath, replied:

"John, ye'll de, and go to a place where ye'll not have the privilege of hearing long or short sermons."

"That may be," said John, "but it wunna be for lack of parsons."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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Poor old Lehman—the fellow even talks as his wife dictates.

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Concerning Cupid.

"I suppose black and red and yellow people know what love is, as well as we."

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Montreal Herald.

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FRIGHTENED BY A SNAKE.

East India Newspaper Relates a Harrowing Tale of Woe.

In the latest copy to hand of an Indian contemporary is an interesting example of Babu loquacity. It takes the familiar form of a "Letter to the Editor," and runs as follows:

"Honored Sir, I should like to bring to notice of the public, through widely scattered columns of your valuable journal, a peradventure that overtook my personality while taking nocturnal perambulations on West Mont road, in order to caution fellow citizens against simultaneous dangers. Whilst wending my way along said thoroughfare on the evening of the 22nd instant, and pursuing a course as crow flies toward my humble abode, I was suddenly and instantaneously confronted with monstrous hissing and much confounded row in immediate vicinity. I first remained silent voice, and then on applying close scrutiny of my double optics to spot whence proceeded above said disturbance, I was much horrified and temporarily paralyzed to lo and behold a mighty enormous reptile of cobra de capello making frontal attack.

"My pedal appendages being only clothed in wooden sandals, I thereupon immediately took to nether limbs and beat hasty retreat (as stated in war telegrams, or, in other words, made rapid retrograde movement by locomotion of lower shanks of pedestrianism and footpads). Please answer me this inscrutable question, famous sir. Praying for your welfare, and increase of filial bonds, I am, most obedient sir, your ever-obedient servant.

"N. B.—If this epistle is consigned to waste paper basket and no notice taken of my above humble complaint, I shall memoriate in other papers."

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London Police Methods.

This is the modus operandi of London's police: Two citizens engage in a street fight; crowd gathers to see the mill; four "bobbies" appear, working their way through the press with a "by your leave" or "kindly let me pass"; they have neither bludgeons nor guns. Two seize each combatant, leading him aside with no rough hands and arguing thus in childlike tones: "Aren't ye 'shamed o' yo'self? What's the good o' fightin'?" Leave scraps to dogs. Now, run along and behave yo'self. There's a good chap." These words are accompanied by a pat on the shoulder and a gentle shove away from the scene of conflict. Rarely is there an arrest. A brutal clubbing is unknown. The London police are peace-makers.

Men's Talk to Animals.

A philologist has been rooting up the derivations of the words which man uses when speaking to animals and finds that most of these words are very old, some of them going back to the childhood of the race. The word "whoa" is supposed to be the Greek interjection "choe," a call to attract attention, another form of which is the Sanscrit word "you," meaning "ho!" or "stop." The milker says "sol" to the cow, which comes from the Sanscrit "sah," meaning "keep still." The call "chick! chick!" is as old as the fowl itself, being the Sanscrit "kuk," the name of the chicken. When fowls are scared away with the word "shoo!" identically the same ejaculation was used as was used by Greek housewives in the time of Penelope.

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