

RULE THE FORTY-SECOND.

If you perceive that a lady is decidedly averse to receiving you, and actually flies from your presence, you should perpetually throw yourself under her nose; on the same principle that a horse is made to smell of a wheel-barrow, to keep him from taking fright at such an ugly machine.

RULE THE FORTY-THIRD.

Or if a lady begins to show evident signs of weariness at your frequent calls, by all means double your attentions: call oftener, and stay longer, until you make yourself a fixture in her presence, like a dummy in the door-way of a haberdasher. This will soon do the business for you, and leave no possible grounds to doubt as to your real position in her affections.

RULE THE FORTY-FOURTH.

If a lady condescends to treat you with a little familiarity, you must instantly take advantage of it, and make yourself as familiar and as agreeable as possible; which you may do by some such trick as sticking your segar almost into her eyes, to light it, or taking her finger to brush the ashes from the end of it; and if she should ask you why you do not use your own finger, you can reply by making a double nose, and say "No you don't," which will strike her with admiration both for your wit and familiar good breeding.

RULE THE FORTY-FIFTH.

Nothing makes a gentleman appear to so great advantage as to be good at "small talk," that is, to be able to prattle away for hours without saying anything. If you have not this fascinating gift of gab yourself, you will do well to take along some such help as Harper's monthly picture-book, so that you can amuse the lady by studying the jokes to find out where the laughs come in. If you should be unable to find any, you can make a joke yourself by pulling the lady's nose and exclaiming "Not as you nose-on"; and then, by laughing as loud as you can scream, you will prove that your own unaided wit and genius have found a joke.

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It is a delightful and sprightly species of wit, called *big talk*, which accomplished gentlemen sometimes in-