

## POINTS OF ETIQUETTE.

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THERE are no rules of good breeding specially applicable to San Francisco society. Except in the matter of reception days, our social observance is much the same as in all large cities of the world. It could not well be otherwise, since the social code, though it is sometimes extreme in its formality, is founded everywhere on kind feeling and good sense. The conventionalities of society restrain and direct merely to remove friction, and assist life to freer and easier movement. Living in a republic, we lack some of the precise and cumbrous ceremonial which attends royal state in older and more aristocratic countries, and being on the frontier, etiquette relaxes a little for our convenience. This is the only difference, if it be a difference, between this and more ancient and sedate communities. The rules here given are compiled from many sources, and are intended to be at once concise and comprehensive. They are sufficient for all ordinary purposes of social intercourse, and will supply the ordinary need of a more elaborate work.

*Introductions.* Ladies of social equality are presented to each other, and so also are gentlemen. When the difference between the parties is doubtful, the person introducing may say: "Mrs. F. this is Mrs. X.; Mrs. X., Mrs. F.," thus striking a balance of respect.

A gentleman desiring to be introduced to a lady, must first obtain permission, after which the following formula may be used: "Mr. Arthur desires to be presented to Miss Angell." If the lady making the introduction desires the mutual acquaintance of