

The body is not bent at all in bowing, as in the days of the old school forms of politeness; the inclination of the head is all that is necessary.

One's own judgment ought to be sufficient as to the *empressement* of the salutation. In bowing to a lady, the hat is only lifted from the head, not held out at arm's length for a view of the interior. If smoking, the gentleman manages to withdraw his cigar before lifting his hat; or, should he happen to have his hand in his pocket, he removes it.

Gentlemen who are driving are obliged to keep a tight hold of the reins, and this is impossible if they remove their hats. A well-bred foreigner would never dream of saluting a lady by raising his whip to his hat. American gentlemen have adopted this custom, but it would be still better if they would set the fashion of bowing without touching the hat or raising the hand, when holding the reins.

A well-bred person bows the moment he recognizes an acquaintance. According to the rules of good society everywhere, every one who has been introduced to you is entitled to this mark of respect. A bow does not entail a calling acquaintance; to neglect it shows neglect of early education.

In thoroughfares where persons are constantly passing, gentlemen keep to the left of a lady, without regard to the wall, in order to protect her from the jostling elbows of the unmannerly; unless a lady prefers to walk on the gentleman's left, *for his protection*.

A gentleman walking with a lady returns a bow made to her (lifting his hat not too far from his head), although the one bowing is an entire stranger to him.

It is civility to return a bow, even if you do not know the one who is bowing to you.