

and, if the acquaintance be mutually agreeable, it is well; but, if not, the lady can terminate it speedily between herself and a gentleman.

A gentleman always lifts his hat when offering service to a lady, as in restoring her fan or kerchief, or when opening a door that she may pass before him. She is expected simply to bow her acknowledgment.

Young gentlemen must not be over sensitive if they are not recognized on the promenade after having been hospitably entertained by a lady friend. Such omission is by no means singular where ladies entertain many visitors, and see some of their gentlemen friends rarely. It would be less frequent were young men less in the habit of making their party calls by card.

*Strangers in the City.* It is a rule among people of quality to call on persons newly arrived in the city. It is contrary to foreign social usage, but American society approves the custom.

If the visitor comes properly introduced, the entrance to society is easy. Strangers with proper credentials, who come as tourists or as permanent residents, will be duly called upon by hospitable citizens.

In such cases introductions are not needed. The resident ladies call between two and five o'clock, send in their cards with those of their husbands, fathers, or brothers, and a cordial interview follows. This call should be returned within a week, or an explanation sent. If the call is simply returned by a card it is understood that the strangers prefer solitude, or have reasons for not receiving visitors.

A gentleman should not make a first call upon the ladies of the family of a new-comer without an introduction or an invitation. His lady friend, or kinswoman, may leave his card, and he may