

Letters of introduction are not so much used as formerly. An acquaintance to be formed between strangers may be arranged by card where personal presentation is inconvenient. The introducing lady writes on the upper left-hand corner of her own visiting card the formula: "Introducing Mrs. Charles Browne."

This card is enclosed in an envelope of fine quality with that of the lady desiring the introduction, and sent by post or messenger. The lady who receives the two cards must call in person, or, if this be impossible, some member of the family must call, or a letter be sent by special messenger to explain the omission. Nothing less than this can be done without offending the introducing party.

If the call is made upon the sender of the two cards, not more than three days should intervene between this courtesy and the introduction, unless an "at home" day is mentioned either on the visiting-card or during the interview. If no special courtesies are extended, and the introduced lady resides at a distance, she must leave a card with P. P. C. (*pour prendre congé*) written on it to give information of her departure; but if the acquaintance has gone no further than one visit each, she need not call again, and her leave-taking card closes the courtesy. If she be a resident of the city, she may include the new acquaintance in her formal visiting-list, and invite her to receptions; but she cannot first ask the acquaintance, whom she has herself desired, to a breakfast, luncheon, or dinner. The first hospitality is a privilege that is very properly reserved to the one who has received an unsought acquaintance.

After a personal introduction, the oldest resident may, if she choose, leave a card, which must be similarly acknowledged within a week, unless a visiting day is engraved or written upon the card of the first caller, when that special occasion cannot be