

ried lady cannot do this, the young gentleman must bide his time by leaving his card, as before intimated.

This arrangement renders the making of acquaintances an easy affair, provided it is agreeable to both persons, and it is a wall of defense against strange and unwelcome visitors. However unpleasant the result may be of an attempt to make a lady's acquaintance in this manner, every true gentleman will recognize the necessity of barriers across the sacred threshold of home.

The style of the gentleman's card, and his address, often secure acceptability when combined with the recollection of the host or hostess who made the presentation.

The hostess observes the hour of a gentleman's formal call. If he be a business man, his first call is between half-past eight and nine in the evening. If not, he calls between two and five in the afternoon. Calls should not be made at half-past seven for fear the lady will be out. Such a course is sure to displease a high-bred young hostess, since it proves he is either ignorant of etiquette or is careless of it.

A gentleman leaves his card for both host and hostess within a week after an entertainment to which he has been invited, whether he has accepted or declined the hospitality. If he cannot call the card is imperative.

Invitations to parties, balls, receptions and kettle-drums, should all be answered, and then there can be no misunderstanding.

A gentleman introducing another by card, sends his own with that of the person introduced. It may be sent by post, and its reception must be recognized within three days, or an explanation and an offer of courtesies to the stranger must be sent by special messenger. After this the acquaintance may continue, or may cease if the receiver of the introductory card deem no further civility necessary to the presenting person.