

the dinner, or before, if she have a stated reception-day sooner. If the reception-day is not convenient, cards can be left in person (the right side or right-hand upper corner turned over), for each grown member of the family.

Gentlemen without wives, mothers, or sisters to carry their cards for them, are permitted by the strictest approving etiquette to send them by post. Of course this is only done when a call in person, or by the hand of a relative, is impossible.

A lady goes to a dinner-party in whatever is considered full toilette for that season, and the gentlemen also. Gloves are removed after being seated at the table, and need not be replaced again during the evening.

Breakfasts, Luncheons and Suppers. The hour for giving a breakfast varies according to its formality from half-past nine till twelve, the latter hour being only allowable where elegance rather than sociability is studied. Macaulay said: "Dinner parties are mere formalities, but you invite a man to breakfast because you want to see him." Both gentlemen and ladies may be guests at the breakfast-table, but ladies only usually receive invitations to a luncheon-party. The breakfast is more social and enjoyable than dinner.

Invitations to a breakfast, not too formal, are written, and need not be issued more than five days in advance of an entertainment.

The style of the note may be quite as informal as any brief but friendly letter, or it may be the lady's visiting-card which conveys the request, if this card be engraved after the customary form prevailing in New York, with the address in the right-hand lower corner, and the ordinary day for receiving callers upon the left. Below the lady's name be written:

BREAKFAST AT TEN O'CLOCK,
January 12th.