

be seated three or four minutes before the performance commences; but if you are visiting a hall where you cannot engage seats, it is best to go early.

If you are alone and see ladies present with whom you are acquainted, you may, with perfect propriety, go and chat with them between the acts, but when with a lady, never leave her to speak to another lady.

Never, unless urgently solicited, attach yourself to any party at a place of amusement, even if some of the members of it are your own relatives or intimate friends.

*Ladies' Theatre Invitations.* A young lady may, if she wishes to attend a party, ball or concert, or other place where an escort is required, and is provided with no suitable one, write to her affianced husband, or, if she is not engaged, to some friend of the other sex with whom she is on sufficiently intimate terms to venture to take such a liberty, and request him to accompany her.

If any expense is to be incurred in thus attending her, she should purchase the admission cards and inclose them in her note to him. Such a note may read as follows:

Miss Ida Avery presents her compliments to Mr. Charles Moore, and requests him to do her the favor of escorting her to the California on Friday evening the 15th, if he has not a previous engagement. Inclosed please find tickets of admission.

When the parties are on the terms of intimacy usual between an affianced couple, a less ceremonious form of invitation is allowable.

*Miscellaneous Rules.* "Decorum," says a French writer, "is nothing less than the respect of one's self and others brought to bear upon every circumstance of life." In all relations, whether social or domestic, anything approaching coarseness, undue familiarity or levity of conduct is prolific of evil.