

eatables may comprise oysters, salads, cold meats and cakes. The preferable wines are sherry, sauterne, and champagne, the last being held by some ladies to be objectionable from reasons that are evident. In conclusion it may be remarked that the San Francisco reception day, as known and recognized by our ladies, is purely a local institution. It is made to do duty for social gatherings of various kinds. It obviates in a measure the necessity of breakfasts, lunches and dinners. It diminishes the number of evening parties. The common books of etiquette do not provide rules for it, therefore it becomes our leaders of fashion to see that its laws are duly established and maintained as far as possible in accordance with the general code that governs the manners of polite society in all parts of the world.