

If another than the usual "at home" day be preferred, an ink line may be drawn through the engraved day of the week, and the following form is written upon the card:

BREAKFAST, FRIDAY, AT TEN O'CLOCK,
January 12th.

Numerals are written upon a card, but they are not engraved, except it be the number of a residence.

This breakfast should never be elaborate, but it cannot be too dainty in its food, or in the appointments of the table. Walking costumes are worn by both gentlemen and ladies, also visiting-gloves, which are removed at table. The descent from the dressing-room and greetings between the hostess and guest are just the same as at a dinner-party.

If there are more than eight guests, cards should be placed indicating places. If the guests be unequal in number, ladies are informed of their lady-partners by the hostess, and they seek their assigned places as usual.

The host conducts to the table the eldest lady, or the one who as a bride, or for any other reason is entitled to special consideration. If there be no host, the lady of the house leads the way accompanied by the most honored guest, lady or gentleman.

The food is served from the sideboard, or upon the table in courses, according to taste or convenience, the only difference between the forms and those of a dinner being that the hostess presides over the serving of the tea, coffee and chocolate.

Guests are expected to leave half an hour after the breakfast is over.

Formal breakfasts require elaborate, but not full dress for the ladies; a morning or frock-coat for gentlemen, with light-colored trousers and waistcoats, to correspond with the coat.