

lady will speak of a gentleman by his surname without the customary prefix of Mr.

Never speak of your husband or wife by their initial letter. Among very intimate friends it may be allowable to mention them by their Christian names, but among strangers and mere acquaintances they should always be referred to as Mr. or Mrs. —. It is not even allowable to mention them as “my wife” or “my husband.”

On entering a room bow slightly as a general salutation before speaking to each of the persons assembled.

“Civility,” says Lord Chesterfield, “is particularly due to all women; and remember that no provocation whatsoever can justify any man in not being civil to every woman; and the greatest man would justly be reckoned a brute if he were not civil to the meanest woman. It is due to their sex, and is the only protection they have against the superior strength of ours.”

Bishop Beveridge says, “Never speak of a man’s virtues before his face or his faults behind his back.”

Another maxim is, “In private watch your thoughts; in your family watch your temper; in society watch your tongue.”

*How to Carve.*—As nearly all formal dinners are now served *a la Russe*, carving is not the accomplishment that it was. Formerly in England there were regular teachers of the art, and Lady Mary Wortly Montague confesses that she once took lessons of a professor three times a week.

Even at the present day one often attends or gives a family or old-fashioned dinner, and the few hints below will always be found of value to the novice in his first struggles with the big knife and fork:

Dr. Johnson said, that “You should praise, not ridicule, your