## ELITE DIRECTORY.

overlooked without a return card or a written apology. No further visiting is necessary, unless mutually convenient or agreeable. When a lady changes her residence, she may leave her card with her new address, upon those to whom she owes visits, or send it by post. If her new residence is beyond the limits of her old visiting range, or in a disagreeable thoroughfare, her first card on formal acquaintances should not include a call.

A lady leaving for the summer, if the season be well advanced, sends her own and her family's P. P. C. cards, with her temporary address, by mail, unless she takes leave at an accidental interview. When she returns, she sends out her cards with her "at home" day on them.

A young lady about to be married leaves her card, without calling, about three weeks before the event, accompanied by her mother's, or her *chaperon's* card, the names not being engraved together. An independent address is left for each lady member of the household which she honors.

If a death occurs in the household of a friend, a card with any appropriate sentiment written upon it, or a bouquet of cut-flowers and a card, are sent directly. The same gentle recognition of any felicitous event, such as the birth of a child, a private wedding, the entering of a new house, etc., is a pleasant, but not rigid, etiquette among friends and admirers.

Among acquaintances the card only, with no intruding expressions upon it, is left, either with or without flowers—usually without when a sorrow has fallen upon a family. This card may be that of a stranger even; but it is never sent, and always left in person, or is carried by a special messenger, as a more delicate recognition of the grave event.

This etiquette 18 not a necessity, it is only a proof of gentle breeding and refined manners, and is growing in special favor.

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