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Good Form

If you are a boor among your acquaintances they can severely leave you alone; you can give the cold shoulder to the cad in the office or the works; you can escape the fool in the morning train; you can have a prior engagement if your pet aversion asks you to supper.

But your home people are under the inexorable necessity of living with you. A man sometimes gets into the habit of thinking that anything will do for his home people. He treats them as daily bread; he does not exert himself; he reserves his best for outsiders.

He says he likes to be homely at home; that is very well so long as it does not mean being vulgar. He says he likes to be at ease in his home; very well, too, if it does not mean being thoughtless.

Familiarity breeds contempt. It is not easy to be constantly patient and profitable and pleasant to those whom you meet every morning at breakfast. The breakfast table is often the greatest disillusioner. More secrets of character are revealed over the bacon and eggs than over the dessert.

There is no severer discipline in the world than that of the home, and most of us go down under it in this matter of courtesy.

Don't let us put off our manners when we put on our slippers. Let us be the more considerate when it is only our own whom we have to consider. And just because our home life is private and is screened off from public judgment and is sheltered from the restraint of public opinion let us be the more scrupulous that we may be void of the offense against the heart of love.

Behind many closed doors and drawn blinds there lie grim tragedies, and many of them may be traced to seemingly trivial slackness in the courtesies of love.

This is the rift that has made the music mute. Take care of the courtesies and the grand passions will take care of themselves.

The Desirable Guest.

The person who can talk entertainingly is the best type of guest at social gatherings, for she who chatters incessantly is almost more undesirable than one who is too quiet, for the latter gives opportunity for other persons to express themselves, while with the former to say even one word is often a struggle.

The balance between these extremes is the art of stimulating a temporary companion to conversation, and at no place is it more important to adopt the correct attitude than at a dinner. More than one man has been obliged to talk so much when sitting beside a quiet woman that he has not eaten enough. Such conduct on the part of a woman is decidedly inconsiderate.

At dinners and also at formal luncheons it is a good idea to watch the plates of neighbors, and if one person has been talking so much as to have fallen behind in the course it is tactful to take conversation into one's own hands, giving the other a chance to listen and at the same time to eat.

It is not good form to monopolize the attention of one neighbor to such an extent as to prevent him or her from talking with the person on the other side. Often it is a temptation when on one side is an attractive person and on the other one who is dull, but politeness makes dividing the attention necessary.

If one person is kept constantly in conversation by one neighbor at a dinner it means that he or she on the other side sits much of the time with no one to talk to, for the guest farther on is certainly giving some time to the person on his or her other side.

Wedding Reception Before Ceremony.

The wedding reception should precede the marriage ceremony. This is the newest suggestion from London. Instead of the "at home" that usually follows the society church weddings, a reception that is similar in every respect practically to the old time function should be held on the day before the wedding. The parents receive the guests while the bride to be and the bridegroom elect stand together to receive the felicitations of their friends. All the wedding presents are on view, and everything is the same as in the "at homes" except that the couple are not married. The reason for this new arrangement is that it saves the crush at the bride's home following the church wedding. It is more comfortable for the couple and their

parents to have a quiet hour while preparations for the wedding tour are being made. Such an arrangement also gives the bride and bridegroom an opportunity to slip away quietly.

Grammatical Points.

Many people make mistakes in the use of "lay" and "lie." It is correct to say "I am going to lie down." "I am going to lay down" is not grammatical. One may inquire, "Lay what down?"

"Shall" and "will" are also often incorrectly used. Learn to say, "I shall, we shall, you will, he will and they will." This rule guards the switch where most people get off the track. "Will" in the first person must always have a touch of volition, and "shall" in the second person gives emphasis to authority. But courtesy demands that both authority and self assertion be avoided whenever needless.

A Fine Sauce.

Apples and cranberries are very good cooked together, about half and half. Let a quart of the mixture cook with about a cupful of water or just enough to prevent burning. At the end of twenty minutes add two cupfuls of granulated sugar and let the mixture cook for about ten minutes more. Turn into molds and serve when cold. The apples seem to mellow the berries, and the sauce will be preferred to one entirely of berries by those who do not like the sharpness of the latter when cooked alone.

Tea Wafers.

For the Virginia wafers that are served with afternoon tea and other light repasts work a couple of table-spoons of butter into two cupfuls of flour and mix in enough ice water to make a stiff paste. Then put the dough on a floured board and roll into a very thin sheet—it should be little thicker than paper—and cut in rounds with a saucer. Bake in a quick oven on a floured pan. The wafers should have an uneven, bubbly surface and be eaten cold. They are delicious with a conserve or jam.

Sandwich Filler.

White raisin bread made into sandwiches with minced nuts and cream cheese is delicious. Cut the slices very thin and spread one with cream cheese and the other with the nuts. Both should be buttered first. If they are cut in the shape of card suits for afternoon refreshments at card clubs and parties they are very slightly. The card suit cutters are kept by the house furnishers.

Soup Stock.

In mixing leftovers for soups never combine fish and meat, beef and lamb, chicken and beef. Sometimes a little bacon or pork bones can be added to soup stock for richer flavoring.

One Day's Menu.

BREAKFAST.
Steamed Rice and Apples, Sugar and Cream.
Poached Eggs on Buttered Toast.
Coffee.
LUNCHEON.
Sweet Potato and Nut Loaf.
Cream Cheese Sandwiches.
Apple Pie.
Milk or Tea.
DINNER.
Cream of Turnip Soup.
Roast Mutton, Brown Sauce.
Baked Macaroni. French Peas.
Pepper Salad. Wafers.
Coffee. Raisins.

Grand Jury May Take It Up.

There is much uneasiness in Sherrillville, Ky., in consequence of a statement that the negro, James West, who escaped from the mob Jan. 15, when two other negroes were lynched, will be presented before the grand jury by Governor Willson.

The Deadlock Ended.

The deadlock in the West Virginia senate has ended and the fifteen exiled Republican senators have returned to Charleston from Cincinnati. The Republicans were allowed to have the president of the senate.

James H. Fry, Indiana state oil inspector, has announced the appointment of forty-five deputy inspectors.

Tabernacle Shadows of the Better Sacrifices.

This little book is not for the ordinary reader, but most decidedly it is what every advanced Bible Student and earnest Christian should possess and study thoroughly. It costs but ten cents, is illustrated and draws its lessons on the higher life from the types and shadows of Israel's typical Atonement Day and other sacrifices. Surely every earnest Christian should have this little book and find in it a mine of spiritual wealth, health and refreshment. Order it now from the Bible and Tract Society, 17 Hicks street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

An Unnecessary Expense.

The Mother—Now that Tillie is going to the young ladies' seminary she needs a new wardrobe.

The Father—How much?

"Oh, a couple of thousand."

"Um! Don't educate her. No one will know the difference."

—Life.

Or Ever Will Be.

Mr. Travels—I hear young May Peck is quite a belle now. They say she is prettier now than she ever was—

Miss Chellus—Exactly; they say she is prettier than she ever was or is—Catholic Standard and Times.

An Effective Way.

"Did Jones finally get a separation from his wife?" asked Milligan.

"Yes," said Willoughby.

"Reno?" asked Milligan.

"No," said Willoughby; "he bought her a ticket to Europe, and she went—Harper's Weekly."

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

MORE than one man has died a bachelor because the girl he was in love with and was afraid to propose to didn't have the courage of her convictions.

Few men know how to treat a wife, but they get competent instruction after they are married.

The mills of the gods grind slowly indeed when you are waiting to see the man you dislike get what's coming to him.

We seldom know when we are well off, but we learn it after we have been well done.

Man's woes are as a tale that is told—alas, too often!

Sometimes a man thinks that he can't live without a certain woman, only to find after the ceremony that he can't live with her.

A fool and a get-rich-quick scheme are sure to find one another.

The champion mean man is the one who makes his family all walk five hours a day because shoe leather is yet cheaper than coal.

A husband who can cook and wash dishes is simply indispensable in these days of uncertain domestics.

A Lament.

Why can we not have winter? When it should be in sight? I'd hate to have the printer see what I long to write about the kind of weather.

Defying all the laws: That's sort of thrown together For January thaws.

A fellow starts to say: When looking at the snow, "We ought to have good sleighing About a month or so." And when he gets his cutter He finds, to his regret, The roads are soft as butter And growing softer yet.

The stuff the fellow mixes, Our careless weather man, Is all at sevens and sixes And quite without a plan. We go out in the morning. To skate the glassy track, And then with little warning We have to make it back.

It makes a man feel ready To lead a life of crime. When winter should be steady And working all the time To have it raise the limit And try to flood the street So he will have to swim it And soak in ice his feet.

Smart Girl.

"My father doesn't spend much money."

"Maybe he has none?" "Oh, yes, he has a lot of it."

"What does he do with it?"

"I spend it for him so he won't have to bother."

They Come Regular.

"How is your watch, Pedro?" asked the South American wife.

"On time, I think."

"Seems a little off to me."

"Perhaps it is a trifle. I will set it by the next revolution anyway."

Some Object.

"Your sister is, I believe, an old maid?"

"Beg pardon, a bachelor girl."

"What is the difference?"

"Oh, a couple of thousand a year."

On the Quiet.

"I beat my wife this morning," said the little man quite complacently and as though it were the thing to do.

"Beat your wife, you monster! I don't believe a word of it." "I did, though."

"And got off yourself unharmed?"

"Sure! I beat her out of a nickel; short changed her, and she didn't know the difference."

Quite Athletic.

"His argument hasn't a leg to stand on."

"Doesn't need it."

"Why not?" "Appears to me to be standing on its head."

Asking Too Much.

"Will you take a chance on this mining stock?"

"I don't know. You might send it up to the house on approval and let us try it a month."

Just to Please Her.

"I am going to sue him for breach of promise."

"But he has no money."

"No, but he has another girl."

A Linguist.

"Money talks."

"Yes, and it speaks every tongue known to man."

Appearances.

A rooster cannot lay an egg;

But, listening to his loud alarm,

And seeing how he rules his set,

A person might feel safe to bet

That he could almost lay a farm.

Big Public Sale.

As I am going to move to North Dakota, I will sell at Public Auction on what is known as the old Saylor farm, 3 miles west of Rensselaer on the Bunkum road, commencing at 10 a. m., on

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1, 1911,

8 Head of Horses—Consisting of 1

Bay Mare coming 9 years old in the spring, bred in July, wt. 1200, sound; 1 Bay Gelding coming four in the spring, wt. 1300, sound; 1 Brown Gelding four years old, wt. 1250, broke single or double, sound and a good one; 1 Bay Mare coming three in the spring, sound; 1 Black Mare twelve years old; 1 Gray Mare twelve years old, single driver, gentle for children; 1 Bay Mare ten years old, wt. 1400; 1 Gray Gelding twelve years old, wt. 1300.

21 Head of Cattle—Consisting of 1

White Face Cow, 5 years old; 1

Spotted Cow, 5 years old; 1 Red

Muley, 7 years old; 1 Spotted Cow,

6 years old, giving good flow of

milk, been fresh about six weeks;

5 2-year-old Heifers that will make

fine cows when fresh. These cows

will all be fresh in February and

March; 2 Spring Calves, one Jersey

and one Red, both heifers; 4 Cows,