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Chatting . . .

HAVE YOU EVER read a book on etiquette? Perhaps I shouldn't limit it, but I never had until the other day. Must admit I have a bit of catching up to do yet, because the book I read was written over a hundred years ago. Found it quite fascinating. After I've told you about some of the customs in vogue a century ago, I'm sure you'll agree that times certainly have changed.

Incidentally, this Book of Politeness, for Gentlemen and Ladies was written by a Mme. Celart. The first editions were published in Paris, and the particular volume I read was in the third printing in the United States. The date on the flyleaf is 1850.

SOME OF THE ADVICE Mme. Celart imparts is still timely however. For instance in the chapter devoted to propriety in domestic relations, she says that "if at any time the society of your husband or wife causes you ennu, you ought neither to say so, nor give any suspicion of the cause by abruptly changing the conversation. In all conversations you should watch yourself attentively, lest domestic familiarity raise itself by degrees to the pitch of a quarrel. It is especially to females that this advice is addressed, and to the impressive words of Scripture 'woman was not created for wrath' we may add these: 'she was created for gentleness' . . ."

STYLES IN CLOTHES have of course changed tremendously over the ten decades, so that Mme. Celart's rules for proper attire make us smile a little. She says that: "The dress for a man on his first rising is a cap of cotton, a morning gown, or a vest with sleeves; for a lady a small muslin cap, a camisole or common robe. It is well that a

half corset should precede the full corset, which last is used only when one is dressed, for it is bad taste for a lady not to be laced at all. The hair papers which cannot be removed on rising (because the hair would not keep in curl all evening) should be concealed under a bandeau of lace. In this dress we can receive only intimate friends or persons who call upon us or indispensable business; even then we ought to offer some apology for it. To neglect to take off this morning dress as soon as possible, is to expose one's self to embarrassments often very painful and to the appearance of a want of education.

"To suppose that great heat of weather will authorize disorder of the toilet and will permit us to go in slippers, or with our legs and arms bare is an error or persons of a low class. On the other hand, to think that cold and rainy weather excuses like liberties, is equally an error. You ought not to be in the habit of wearing large socks, (this is addressed particularly to ladies), as socks of list and similar materials; much less noisy shoes, such as wooden ones, galoches lined with fur, shoes with wooden soles, socks, etc. This custom is in the worst taste.

"However pressed one may be, a lady of good 'ton' should not go out in a morning dress, neither with an apron nor cap, even if it is made of fine cloth and trimmed with ribands; nor should a well-bred man show himself in the street in a waistcoat only, a jacket without sleeves, etc. Ladies should make morning calls in an elegant and simple negligee. Gentleman may call in an outside coat, in boots and pantaloons, as when they are on their ordinary business. In short, this dress is proper for gentlemen's visits in the middle of the day. With regards to ladies, it is necessary for them when visiting at this time, to arrange their toilet with more care.

Ceremonious visits, evening visits, and especially balls, require more attention to the dress of gentlemen, and a more brilliant costume for ladies. There are for the latter, headresses particularly designed for such occasions, and for no other, such as rich blond caps, ornamented with flowers, brilliants berrets and toques, appropriate to the drawing room.

The nicest cloth, new and very fine linen, an elegant but plain waistcoat, a beautiful watch, to which is attached a single costly key, thin and well polished, an entirely new hat, of a superior quality, is a dress at one recherche and rigorously exact, for gentlemen of good taste and 'ton'.

UNLESS THE CARE of their health or complete baldness, requires them to wear a wig, it is more proper that old persons should show their white and noble heads. Old ladies, whom custom requires to conceal this respectable sign of a long life, should at least avoid hair too thick or too full of curls. Young people who become bald, should not hesitate to have recourse to wigs. Nothing more saddens the appearance, than those bald skulls, which seem always to invite the observations of the anatomist."

I HOPE YOU'LL keep in mind that these are the standards of behaviour, Mme. Celart endorses, and I am merely quoting her. I hasten to make you aware of this because of certain ideas she has with which I do not agree. Of course, this is a Parisian book of etiquette originally.

Legion Little NHL Annual Banquet

Last night the local branch of the Canadian Legion sponsored the annual banquet for the Little NHL with the hockey committee under the chairmanship of Frank Connelly arranging the dinner and the program.

This was one of the best dinners yet, and featured that youthful star of the Maple Leafs, Bob Pulford, and the old trainer of the club, the trainer Tim Daly.

The dinner opened with the National Anthem, and the saying of Grace. After the dinner, a delicious roast beef one, had been taken care of by the youthful athletes, head-table guests were introduced by the emcee of the evening Les Clark.

The head table included the mayor John F. Armstrong, Commissioners Alex Calder (American League), Herb Arnold (NHL), and James Bradley (Junior A). The hockey convener, Frank Connelly, vice chairman Bud James, Branch 120 president Harvey Garvin, Richard Licata and Marshall Timbers. The guests of honour were Bob Pulford, of the Toronto Maple Leafs, and the Maple Leaf trainer, Tim Daly. A special guest, from the standpoint of Georgetown, was their own Bob Goldham, who had taken the evening to be with his former townspeople.

Unfortunately, another old boy, Gord Alcott, who did so much for old hockey in this province, was unable to be present, due to a business trip to Ottawa.

After the wonderful dinner and some inspiring remarks from each of the guests, the trophies and the crests were presented. The trophy for Rookie of the year, was donated by Branch 120; Leading Scorer by Dick Licata; The Most Valuable Player, by Marsh Timbers; Vezina Trophy by Scott Motors; Vezina Trophy by Ivan Crabtree; Leading Scorer in NHL by Branch 120 as was the one for the most valuable player, NHL Vezina Trophy by H. C. McClure. The winners of the awards were:

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"Benson Confesses His Cotton Plans Aren't Successful" was the headline in a US morning paper a few weeks ago. It related to the U.S.D.A.'s testimony at the Senate Agricultural Committee's hearings on farm programmes. What Mr. Benson actually said, we understand, was "acreage control is not effective in reducing over-all production." The Senate Ag. Committee, with Mr. Benson's apparent blessing, now seeks to write a bill providing a two price plan for cotton. Last year everybody, who had a chance to say so, said such a plan wouldn't work.

ELECTION DAY is coming closer. Voters will go to the polls on Monday, June 10th to elect their next federal parliament.

Some of her admonitions have a definite continental flavour, as when she states that "Except in certain provincial towns where there is a great strictness in behaviour, young married ladies receive the visits of gentlemen; they permit their company in promenades, without suffering the least injury to their reputation, provided it is always with men of good morals, and they take care of avoid every appearance of coquetry. Young widows have equal liberty with married ladies.

"Young married ladies are at liberty to visit by themselves their acquaintances, but they cannot present themselves in public without their husband or an aged lady. They are at liberty however to walk with young married ladies or unmarried ones, while the latter should never walk alone with their companions.

A LADY OUGHT NOT to present herself alone in a library, or a museum, unless she goes there to study or work as an artist.

"Towards the close of the day, a young lady would conduct herself in an unbecoming manner, if she should walk alone. And if she passes the evening with anyone, she ought to see that a domestic comes to accompany her, if not, to request the person whom she is visiting, to allow some one to do so. If the master of the house wishes to accompany you himself, you must excuse yourself politely from giving so much trouble, but finish however by accepting. In order to avoid these inconveniences, it will be well to request your husband, or some one of your relations to come and wait upon you; you will in this way avoid still another inconvenience; in small towns, where malice is excited by

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Ignorance and want of something to do, they frequently censure the most innocent acts. It is not uncommon to hear slanderous, and silly gossips observe, that madame such-a-one goes to madam's such-a-one's for the sake of returning with her husband. The seeds of such an imputation, once sown, quickly come to maturity."

AND SO IT WOULD seem that human nature does not change much throughout the years . . . I'll tell you more about Mme. Celart's Book of Politeness next week . . . This is the last week for getting your name on the federal voters list. See about it now.

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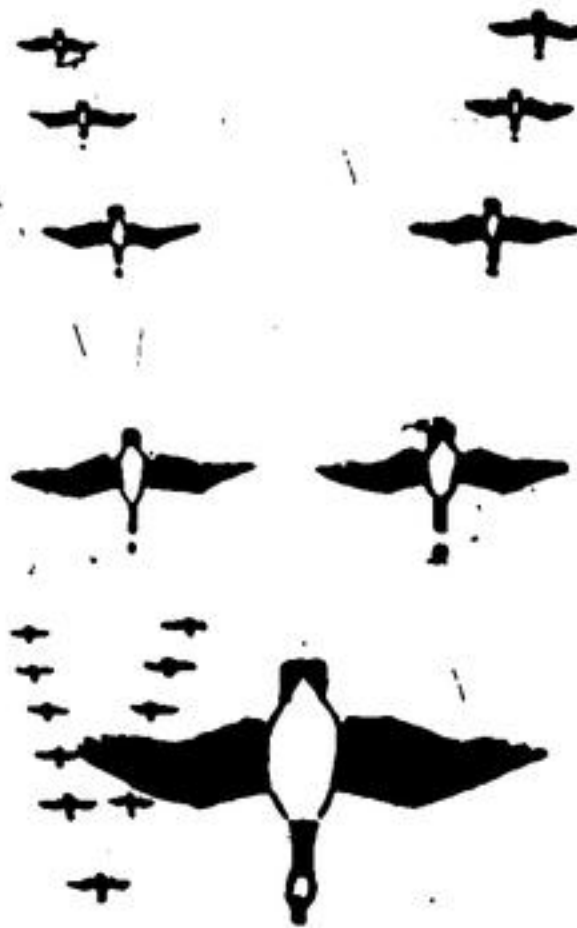
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