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**Modern Etiquette**

by Roberta Lee

1. Should a young woman ask a man to call at her home when she has only been in his company once?
2. What does it indicate when a man talks with a lady with his hat on and a cigar or cigarette in his mouth?
3. Is it proper to cut bread?
4. When are the only two instances when it is permissible for a person to make a slight noise while eating?
5. What kind of material does a bridal veil consist of?
6. Should women tip as generously as men?
7. If one has received an invitation to a formal reception and is unable to be present, what is necessary?
8. Is the well-dressed person the first to take up a new fad?
9. With what are soft-boiled eggs eaten?
10. Should a man stand when being introduced to another man?
11. When sending each member of a family a wedding invitation, should each be mailed separately?
12. Should heavily scented flowers be placed on the dinner table?
13. Is it proper for a lady to linger in the lobby of a hotel upon her arrival?
14. What colors should a person with a sallow complexion avoid when selecting clothes?
15. May the dishes of the servants' table consist of "left-overs"?
16. Is the inner envelope to a wedding invitation sealed or unsealed?
17. Are salted nuts and bonbons included among the regular dinner courses?
18. What should one who wishes to hold an envied place in society possess?

**Answers**

1. No; she should not invite him to her home until she has been in his company several times and is quite sure that she wishes his friendship.
2. That he is ill-bred and rude.
3. No; always break the bread.
4. When eating crisp vegetables, or crusts.
5. It is sometimes a combination of lace and tulle, but simple tulle is always preferable to imitation lace.
6. No; they are not expected to.
7. One's visiting card should be sent to arrive on the day of the reception.
8. No; the well-dressed person follows the fashion, but does not lead it.
9. The spoon.
10. Yes; a man should always stand when being introduced.
11. No; they are all placed in a single large envelope and mailed to the matron of the family.
12. No; the hostess should avoid this.
13. No, it is not good form; if she has not made reservations for her room, she should make arrangements at the desk immediately upon arrival.
14. Apple green and yellow.
15. No; it should be left unsealed.
17. No; they are passed from time to time.
18. The art of correct speech and intelligent conversation.

**Our Weekly Lesson in English**  
by W. L. Gordon

**Words Often Misused**

- Do not say, "Their exit from St. Louis." Say "their departure" when from a place.
- Do not say, "She has a lot of jewels." Say, "a great many jewels."
- Do not say, "He immersed from the water." Say "emerged" (to come

forth from anything.) "Immerge" means to plunge into.

Do not say, "It is well for adults to become childish at times." Say "childlike."

Do not say, "Mary has luxurious hair." Say, "luxuriant hair."

Do not say, "The hat was crushed out of shape." Say, "The hat was crushed." "Crush" means to press out of shape.

**Words Often Mispronounced**

**Crochet.** Pronounce kro-sha, o as in "no," a as in "day," accent last syllable. In Great Britain the accent is commonly placed on first syllable.

**Familiar.** Pronounce fa-mil-yar, both a's as in "ask," and not fa-mil-i-ar.

**Forlorn.** Pronounce first o as in "of," last o as in "or," accent last syllable.

**Neuralgia.** Pronounce nu-ral-ji-a, first syllable as "new," first a as in "at," i as in "it," last a unstressed, accent second syllable.

**Nicety.** Pronounce ni-se-ti, first i as in "nice," e as in "see," three syllables, not nis-ti.

**Aesop.** Pronounce e-sop, e as in "me," o as in "of," accent first syllable.

**Words Often Misspelled**

Children; ren, not ern. Carry (y), carried, carrier (ie.) Equip (one p), equipped (two p's.) Reconcile; two c's, not sile. Madeira; ei, not ie. Duteous; not ious.

**Synonyms**

Designate, indicate, specify, denominate.

Assault, attack, onslaught, invasion, incursion, raid.

But, however, still, yet, nevertheless.

Employment, occupation, vocation, work, business, profession, calling.

Empty, vacant, unfilled, unoccupied, void, blank.

Increase (verb), enlarge, augment, enhance.

**Word Study**

"Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Words for this lesson:

**Impetuosity;** state of being impetuous, or rushing with violence; eagerness; vehemence. "It was the impetuosity of youth."

**Comprehension;** understanding; perception. "The boy was dull of comprehension."

**Blandishment;** flattering speech or action. "The blandishments of society did not affect her."

**Explicitly;** clearly. "I hope I have expressed myself explicitly." modify; limit. "I wish to qualify this statement."

**Boundless;** without bounds; illimitable. "I have boundless faith in his integrity."

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