

Modern Etiquette
by Roberta Lee

1. When guests smoke at a formal dinner, where should the ash trays be placed?
2. Does it show good taste to make a call late in the evening?
3. After the death of a friend, how long should one wait to send a card of condolence to the family?
4. Who should act as maid of honor at a wedding?
5. Where is the salt placed on the table?
6. May a woman who has been unable to obtain a lower berth on the train, exchange with a man who has a lower berth and offers it to her?
7. Should a husband and wife be seated side by side at the dinner table?
8. How are invitations for motor-ing issued?
9. What is an unfailing test of good breeding?
10. With what should asparagus be eaten?
11. When a bride is married in a plain tweed suit, what should the bridesmaid wear?
12. On what occasions should a man always raise his hat?
13. When grapefruit is served at breakfast, should it be placed on the table when it is set, or should it be brought in later?
14. What characteristic is considered fatal to real charm?
15. When writing a woman, whose marital condition is unknown, how should she be addressed?
16. When a man and woman enter the church together, when attending a wedding, what does the usher do?
17. Where does the debutante sit at the dinner or supper table?
18. Is it permissible for one in mourning to wear any kind of orna-ments?

Answers

1. At every plate, or at every other one.
2. No; and it is especially bad out of the city, where the retiring hour is often early.
3. One week at least.
4. The bride's sister or her most intimate friend.
5. Individual salt cellars are placed at each plate.
6. Yes; and at the same time she should show genuine appreciation of the courtesy.
7. No; it is customary to separate them.
8. By telephone.
9. What one laughs at. One should discriminate between what is fit sub-ject for jest, and what is entitled to reverence.
10. With the fork, the part which is not readily broken off by the fork being left on the plate.
11. A plain tailored suit or dress.
12. When accepting or extending a cour-tesy.
13. Either way is correct.
14. Inquisitiveness. No matter how many charms a person may possess, an in-quisitive manner will overshadow them all.
15. "Dear Madam."
16. He offers his right arm to the lady, and the man follows them as they proceed down the aisle.
17. At her all that is permissible.
18. A little dull jet is

Our weekly lesson in English:
Words Often Misused

Do not say, "These pipes carry away the sewerage." Say, "carry away the sewage." "Sewerage" is the system of sewers.

Do not say, "This is a picture of my residence." Say, "my home," or, "my house."

Do not say, "I have a plan to pur-pose." Say "propose," which means to offer.

Do not say, "I am not going no more." Say, "I am not going again." Do not say, "There were no other alternatives." Say, "There was no alternative." "Alternative" means the choice of two possibilities.

Do not say, "I am greatly en-thused about it." Say, "I am very enthusiastic about it."

Words Often Mispronounced

Restaurant. Pronounce res-to-rant, o as in "obey," a unstressed as in "final."

Chevalier. Pronounce shev-a-ler, e as in "let," a unstressed, e as in "me," accent last syllable.

Loath (adjective); pronounce the th as in "wealth." Loathe (verb); pronounce the th as in "smooth."

Fellow. Pronounce as spelled, last syllable "low," not fel-ler.

Nazimova. Pronounce na-ze-mo-va, both a's as in "ask," e as in "me," o as in "no," accent second syllable.

Cheyenne. Pronounce shi-en, i as in "ice," e as in "men," accent last syllable.

Words Often Misspelled

Cent (a coin), scent (an odor), sent (did send.) Escapade; pade, not paid. Referee; four e's. Manikin; observe the two i's. Echo (singular); echoes (plural.) Eulogy; gy, not gie.

Synonyms

Destroy, demolish, annihilate. Compact, solid, dense, firm, close. Endeavor, attempt, try, strive es-say.

Indefinite, uncertain, unsettled, equi-vocal, vague, dubious, doubtful.

Association, union, society, club.

Companion, comrade, associate, fel-low mate.

Word Study

"Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabul-ary by mastering one word each day.

Words for this lesson:

Obvious; easily discovered, seen, or understood; plain. "The reason for doing this is obvious."

Critical; pertaining to a crisis, or turning point; dangerous. "The situ-ation had become very critical."

Divulge; to make public; reveal; disclose. "She was in constant fear that he would divulge her secret."

Identity; sameness with something described or asserted. "We had no idea of his identity at the time."

Enchantment; illusive charm. "The castle was a place of rich enchant-ment."

Engross; to occupy completely; ab-sorb. "He was engrossed in studying the book."

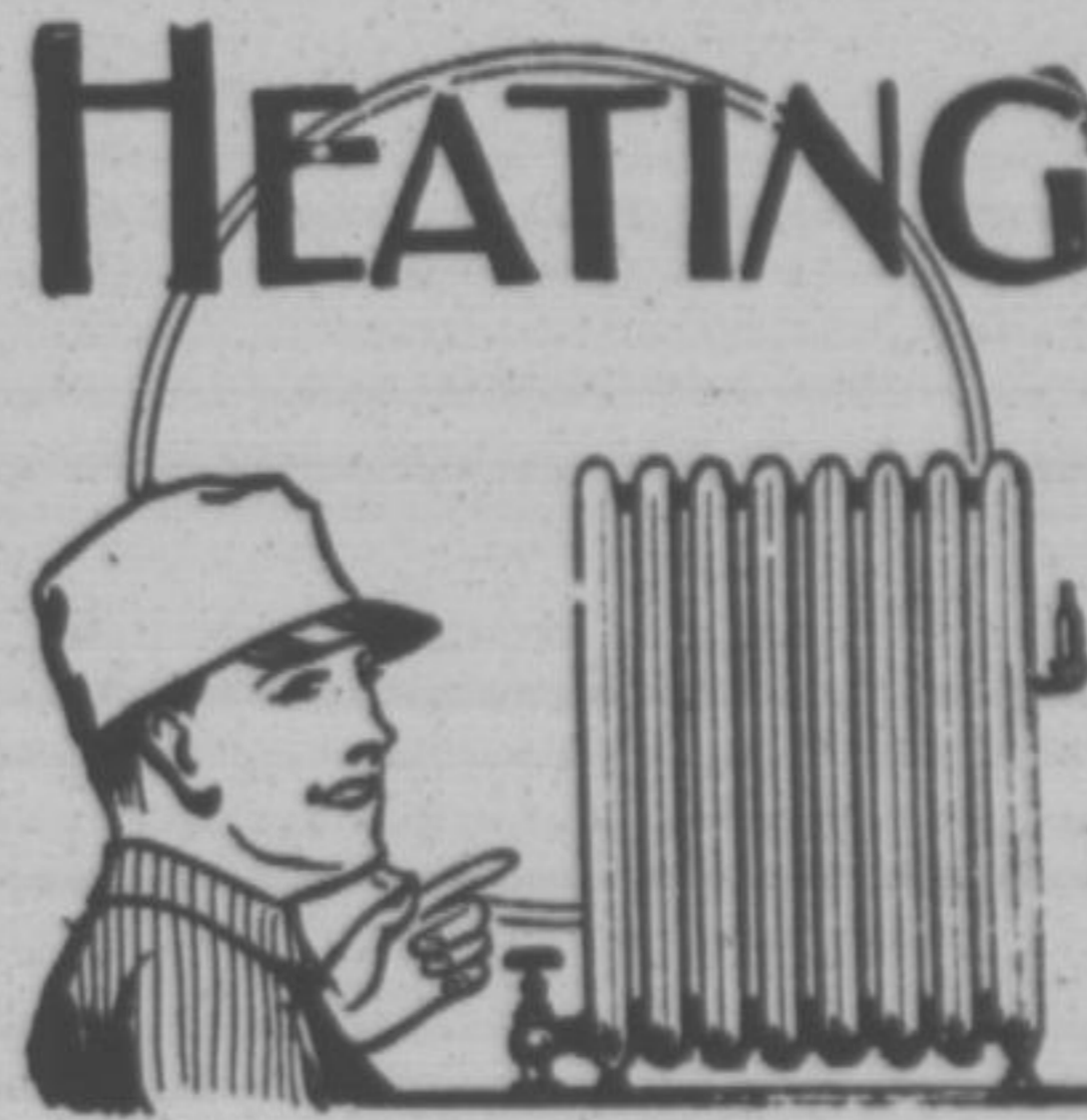
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