

MODERN ETIQUETTE

By Roberta Lee

1. What are the proper decorations for Thanksgiving?
2. When a man is walking with two women, where should he walk?
3. When should invitations be sent for a costume ball?
4. Does one put bread and butter plates on the table at a formal dinner?
5. Is it necessary to write lengthy courtesy letters?
6. In meeting the same person many times within an hour or so, does one continue to bow each time?
7. What should a man do, who is standing and talking to a woman in the ballroom, when the music begins?
8. Is it proper for the groom and best man to wear tuxedo suits at an afternoon wedding?
9. Where should the napkins be placed at a formal dinner?
10. Is it good form to send announcements of engagements to the local papers?
11. When a lady is alone at a hotel and wishes to call a taxi, what should she do?
12. Upon what does much of the success of a dinner depend?
13. Who has the privilege of selecting the style of wedding ring?
14. When is a hostess not expected to introduce all her guests to each other?
15. Do mannerisms enhance a personality?
16. From whom may a girl accept jewelry?
17. What are the two extremes in conversation?
18. If you are a guest at a friend's home for several days, is it proper to refold your napkin after meals?

Answers

1. The ripened fruits and grain, the golden pumpkin, and the autumn leaves.
2. On the curb side of the pavement; he should never sandwich himself between them.
3. They should go forward at least three weeks in advance, so the guests may have time to plan their costumes.
4. No.
5. No; a brief letter of courtesy is all that is required.
6. No; either look away or merely smile.
7. He should ask her to dance.
8. No; they should wear ordinary business suits.
9. In the place plate.
10. Yes.
11. Summon the bell-boy and have him attend to it.
12. Upon the manner of serving.
13. The bride.
14. At a formal tea, bridge, or big dance.
15. If real, they may; affectations never do.
16. Only from her fiance or relatives, never from anyone else.
17. One is monopolizing the talk to the point of boredom; the other is letting the conversation lapse every time it reaches you.
18. Yes.

Our Weekly Lesson in English
by W. L. Gordon

Words often misused:

- Do not say, "It depends upon you and I." Say, "upon you and me."
- Do not say, "We divided the money among one another." Say, "among ourselves."
- Do not say, "It was a delightful dinner." Say, "delicious dinner."
- Do not say, "I expect you had a good time." Say, "I suppose" when referring to the past.
- Do not say, "The two chairs are both comfortable." Omit "both," or say, "Both chairs are comfortable."
- Do not say, "I am through reading my paper." Say, "I have finished."

Words Often Mispronounced

- Floral.** Pronounce the o as in "floor," not as in "or."
- Chiffonier.** Pronounce shif-o-ner, i as in "if," o as in "no," e as in "me," accent last syllable.
- Log.** Pronounce the o as in "of," not as in "or."
- Righteous.** Pronounce ri-chus, i as in "right," unstressed, and not rit-yus.
- Chimpanzee.** Pronounce chim-pan-ze, i as in "him," a as in "pan," e as in "me," accent second syllable or third syllable.
- Repertoire.** Pronounce rep-er-twar, first e as in "let," second e as in "her," a as in "far," accent first syllable.

Words Often Misspelled

- Explanation;** plan, not plain. Regreat (one t), regretted, regretting (two t's.) Chestnut; the first t is silent. Matrix (singular), matrices (plural.) Rehearsal; observe the al. Explicit; not explicit.

Synonyms

- Compel, force, coerce, oblige, necessitate.
- Develop, promote, project, evolve.
- Attraction, allurements, enticement, charm.
- Endure, abide, tolerate, suffer, stand.
- Deviate, digress, diverge, deflect, wander, swerve, veer.
- Abridgment, compendium, epitome, abstract, synopsis.

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:

Loquacity; talkativeness; garrulity. "The man's taciturnity was in direct contrast to his wife's loquacity."

Contrite; broken down with grief and penitence. "Her contrite sighs aroused sympathy."

Precaution; prudent forethought, as against danger. "We must take every precaution to avoid such a catastrophe."

Emphatically; forcibly; positively; impressively. "I emphatically deny it."

Candidly; in a just, fair, impartial manner. "Do you candidly believe that it is true?"

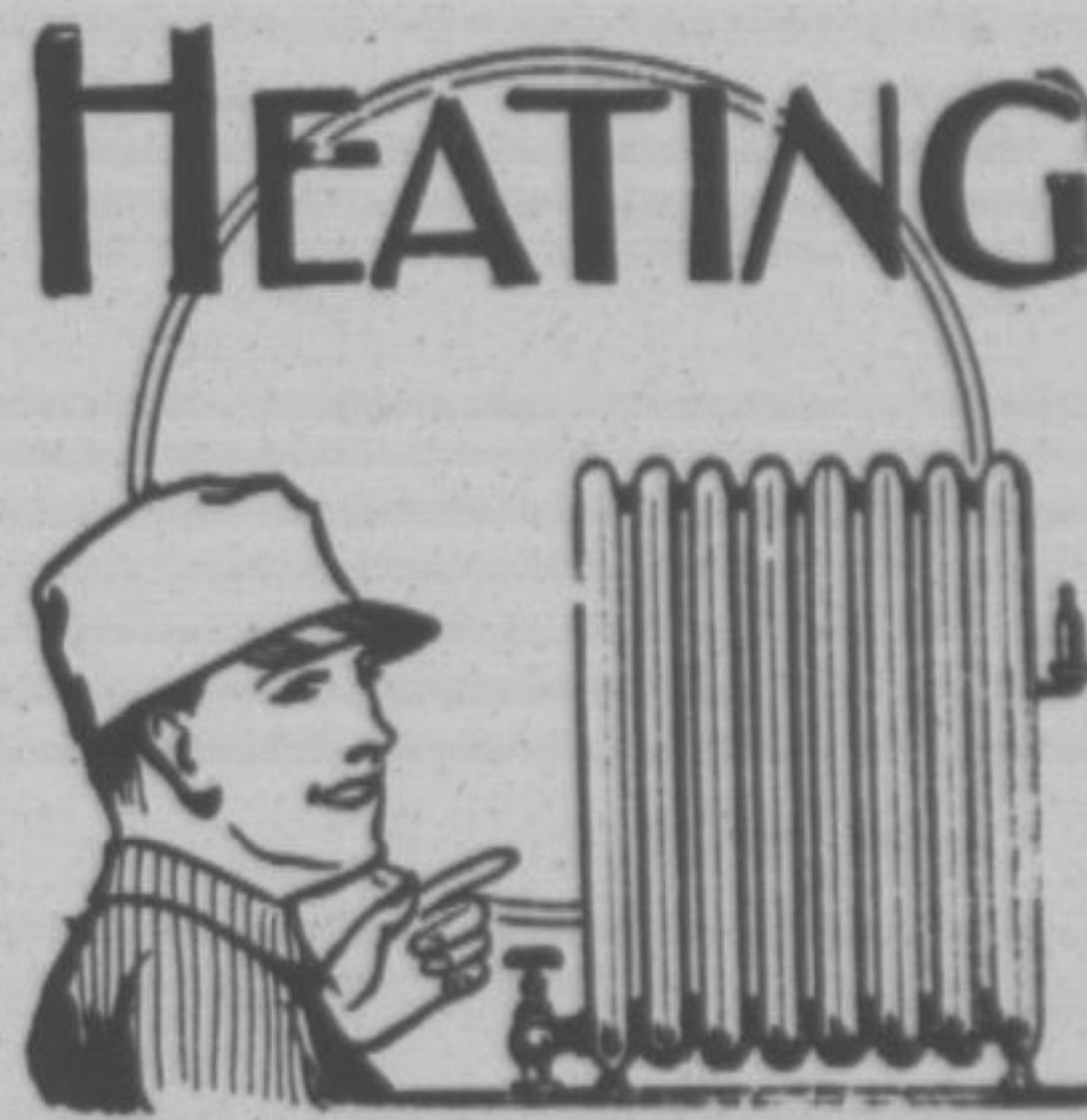
Conclusive; putting an end to debate or question; decisive; final. "He offered conclusive proof."

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