

For the Children

Alexis Nicholavitch, the Russian Czar's Son



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Good Form

Popular, but Bad Form. Many girls are "bad form" without suspecting it. Here are a few things, little considered, that are popular, but not in good taste. **Inquisitiveness.** Have you never pried into personal affairs by questions? **Boisterous.** Noisy fun, especially in public, is common in both senses of the word. A girl can have a good time without laughing and talking at high pitch. **Practical joking.** What seems pure wit to the perpetrator, to the victim is stupid horseplay or downright malice. **Intrusion.** Some girls have no respect for privacy. They burst into a closed room without knocking, offer their society unasked and will interrupt the most earnest conversation without a perfunctory "I beg your pardon."

Disloyalty. It is ill bred if nothing else to run down those to whom you owe fealty or to betray a friend's confidence. Even worse is it to discuss family affairs with outsiders. **Bickering.** Girls may not mean anything when they argue before a third person, but the listener is just as uncomfortable as though the disputants were at daggers drawn. Especially poor taste is it for one to argue with her fiancé or husband in public. **Bragging.** What if you are a belle, have hosts of suitors and trunks full of fine clothes? The girl of good taste allows the world to discover her popularity and good fortune. She does not thrust them upon it. **Slang.** There is a big reaction in favor of the girl who can enjoy life to the full, yet keep her respect for good English.

Sponging. Some girls have the notion that the world owes them a good time, and they snatch pleasure at the expense of their friends with no thought of return. The girl who is always out of change, who proposes gayeties for which others pay, who accepts favors and is churlish about returning is worse than bad form; she is almost dishonest. **Fibbing.** Truth is right, likewise well bred. The girl whose word is worthless, who wriggles out of every uncomfortable situation, who tells you one thing and her next confidant another, is bad style. **Etiquette in Business Office.** It is a noticeable fact that many good business women are confused, even embarrassed, when calling on a man at his place of business. Her entrance into the world of affairs is of such recent origin that no stated office etiquette has been established. In receiving a woman caller in office or store a man need not offer to shake hands. It is sufficient if he looks at her delicately convey the fact by meeting his caller outside his private office and standing while she explains her errand. When he receives her in his office he does it much as he would in his own home, with hat off and coat on. He observes the little courtesies of finding her a chair and placing it comfortably. By explaining there are certain demands his desire that his caller be brief, and to accentuate the request he may stand during the conversation. To definitely close the interview he should explain that another and previous engagement claims his attention and make another appointment when time will admit of a more satisfactory reception.

Dozens of men who pride themselves on their gentlemanly conduct in the home or in the drawing rooms of friends are the veriest bores in their business relations. Their excuse is that women waste a great deal of valuable time on business matters; that feminine errands are often frivolous. This being the case, why do they not plead another engagement and thus gracefully extricate themselves from an undesirable situation? A man of good manners never finds it necessary to be rude or churlish to a lady, be she in the business office or the ballroom. Having terminated the interview, the woman risks. If she is in a private office the man rises and opens the door, standing outside while she passes out. If she is a friend or relative he accompanies her to the outer door or elevator. **By observing these few rules of office courtesy a man will make a call easy for a caller—a precaution often much to his advantage in these days of mixed business ability and women of large affairs.**

Rules Governing Invitations. Invitations for a man should be addressed to his residence or club, not to his office. An invitation for a married woman should always include the husband unless the entertainment is exclusively for women in the same way an invitation to a married man must include his wife unless it is for a stag affair. Invitations to dinner and luncheons are never sent to persons who are in deep mourning. The answer to an invitation should be written in the same style and degree of formality in which the invitation is written. Follow the formula of the invitation precisely in your reply, and you will be sure to be correct.

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Good Advice.

Professor Blackie gives the following advice to "young men," but it will be well if every feminine reader of this page will follow it: "Never whip your brain. All high pressure is dangerous. Study to think as quietly and easily as you breathe. Never force yourself to learn what you have no talent for. Knowledge without love will remain a lifeless manufacture, not a living growth. "Be content to be ignorant of many things that you may know one thing well, and that thing which God especially endowed you to know. "It requires fire to fuse the materials of thinking, so less than to melt the iron in the foundry. "But remember this, however strong you may be physically, to strike a blow and however sharp, intellectually, to recognize a fact—that to discern a difference your success in the career of life depends on the serious culture which you give to the third formative force in human character, your moral nature, and of the rightful supremacy of this element a comprehensive expression is found right in the simple word, love. "On this all prophets, poets and philosophers agree."

Two Clever Statesmen. One crisis in Lord Palmerston's life illustrates the absolute good humor which may prevail even when political enmity is at its worst. Lord Derby had made an attack upon him in the upper house with such energy and eloquence that the odds against him seemed overwhelming. But he defended himself and his policy from the dusk of one day to the dawn of another with such tact, dexterity and force of appeal to the national sense of honor that he was acquitted of all blame by a majority of fourscore. Next day in passing through the corridor leading from an anteroom to the upper house one swing door opened to his hand and at the same moment the other to that of Lord Derby. They were opponents, but they were also manly and sweet natured men. They smiled.

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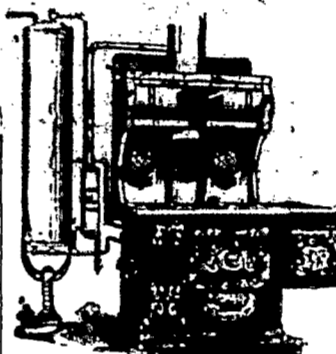
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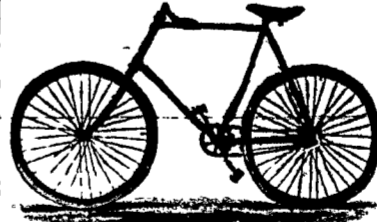
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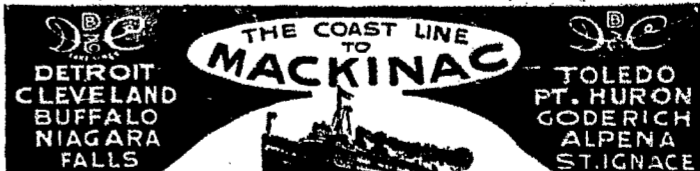
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