

## STYLES IN INVITATIONS.

How They Should Be Written and Addressed Correctly.

Women write on the first and third pages of a sheet of note paper, leaving the second and fourth pages blank, but in social life this practice is better avoided. And postscripts are now more honored in the breach than the observance. A few people write their initials or their name in full in the corner of the envelope, but this is a mere fad and too often serves as a concession to curiosity. When a note is sent by hand that needs a reply, the word "Answer" should be written on the top of the envelope, and "No answer" usually appears when no response is required. "Please forward" is the correct term when a letter may have to be readdressed, and "Faire suivre" is its French equivalent. When a letter begins "Dear Sir" or "Madam" the name of the person addressed must be written at the end of the letter. "To John White, Esq." "To the Manager of the Chicago Telephone Company." "To the Editor of the Chicago Tribune."

Notes of invitation to luncheon should be brief and couched in the simplest terms available. The expression "Will you give us the pleasure of your company?" sounds out of date and pretentious. The word "luncheon" must be used, as "lunch" belongs to the list of what are termed "second rate expressions." A note to an intimate friend might run thus: "Will you and your husband luncheon with us next Tuesday, the 3d, at 2 o'clock? Hoping to see you, I remain, yours sincerely," etc. But if the invitation happens to be written to some one less well known the note might be worded as follows: "Dear Mrs. Martin, if you have nothing better to do, will you luncheon with us on Friday next, the 1st, at 1:45? Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you," etc. And if the husband is invited he should be styled "Mr. Martin."

In all cases where you are in doubt it is better to err on the side of simplicity. Everybody admires common sense and directness of expression, and, regardless of set forms, you cannot go far wrong if you say what there is to be said in well chosen and simple words. Naturalness always is in good taste, and the most critical persons are quickest to detect the high flown affectation of a writer who tries to "put on style" and only manages to be artificial.

### How to Cure a Nervous Headache.

Are you bothered with nervous headaches? Here is one of the simplest yet most effective cures. All that is required is an empty beer bottle or even the rolling pin. Anything will do, in fact, if it is round and hard. Lie down flat upon your back, and place the bottle under the back of the neck, allowing the weight of the head to press down the neck hard against the bottle. Retain this position for five or ten minutes and note how the headache gradually disappears. The pressure cures because it presses down upon two large nerves in the back of the neck, causing them to rest or sleep for the number of minutes the pressure is maintained. This rest allows the nerves to be toned up to normal condition. The treatment is intended for the nervous headache. It will have no effect upon the sick headache, wherein the stomach is the cause.

### How to Wash Chiffon Veils.

Make a suds of warm water and a good pure white soap, dip the chiffon veil in and squeeze the veil gently until all the suds has disappeared. Do not rub at all. Rinse in several waters and pin out on the bed or a flat surface, over which spread a clean sheet, and just before it is dry iron under a clean white cloth. If one does not object to a crapy appearance it is not necessary to iron chiffon veils at all. Black veils are greatly improved if rusty looking by giving them alcohol and ammonia—a large spoonful of ammonia to enough alcohol to successfully immerse the veil. Dip it in and squeeze out without wringing and pin out on a sheet to dry.

### How to Keep White Shelves.

Keeping white shelves in the pantry often means a great deal of scrubbing. This need not be so if the shelves are covered with white oilcloth, such as is used for tables. Cut the oilcloth in long strips about three inches wider than the shelves. Make flour paste and with it stick the oilcloth on the shelves, covering the front edge and pasting it underneath and letting the oilcloth come up about an inch against the wall at the back. Shelves covered with oilcloth will keep tidy for years and only need wiping over with a cloth and warm water to clean them.

### How to Make Dainty Sandwiches.

If a housekeeper has grown tired of the conventional sandwich, she should try those made of salmon. They are most palatable. The salmon is flaked and moistened with mayonnaise and then put as a filling between two extra thin slices of brown bread with the crust cut off. Sweet sandwiches are also in fashion for luncheons and after theater parties. The newest ones, served by a clever housewife, have a filling of candied cherries chopped fine and moistened with orange juice.

### How Vegetables Should Be Salted.

Some cooks who count themselves well high professionals often do not know quite simple rules of cooking. One of these is in regard to the salting. All green vegetables should be salted while cooking. Those that grow underground should not be salted until after they are cooked. Both kinds should be put over the fire in boiling water instead of cold.

## SIRES AND SONS.

John T. Lynch has been chief of the Holyoke fire department for twenty-four years.

Isaac Rash of Dover, Del., has a pair of boots which he has worn for thirty-eight years, and they are still in good condition.

Stanley Field, nephew of Marshall Field, founder of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, has been elected president of the institution.

William H. Harrington of Claremont, N. H., at the age of eighty-one is cutting a third set of teeth. He has never had a toothache or the help of a dentist.

In a recent installation of officers of the E. P. Wallace post, G. A. R., Dr. John A. Douglass of Newburyport, Mass., was placed in the same office for the fortieth consecutive time.

Mene Wallace, the Eskimo boy who was taken to New York a few years ago by Commander Peary and who has entered Manhattan college, is said to be the first Eskimo college student in any country.

Hon. John Sinclair, who has been secretary for Scotland since 1905, has just been raised to the peerage. His elevation is due to Premier Asquith's desire to have a member of the cabinet intimately connected with Scotland in the upper house.

Daniel F. Bradley, ninety years old, the other day left Charles street jail in Boston, where he had served as keeper and performed other duties for more than half a century. For twenty-five years he was deputy sheriff, and for fifty-four years he had charge of prisoners at the jail.

## English Etchings.

The number of British ships laid up at the end of the year was estimated at a million tons.

Deaf bicycle riders in England carry a badge at the rear of their wheels to safeguard them against motorists.

A Grimby woman, aged seventy-five, who when a girl injured her spine by falling from a swing, has not left her bed for sixty-five years.

The word "spread" as a slang word originated at Cambridge university. It did not imply a profuse feast, however, but a poor one, spread over the table to make a show.

After 172 years of agitation a bill has been introduced in parliament for the abolishment of the office of play censor in England. The office was created to muzzle Henry Fielding, and it had the immediate and permanent effect of turning him from the medium of the play to that of the novel.

## The Cookbook.

Chickens with yellow skin and feet make the richest steaks.

When the icing of a cake is difficult to cut the knife should be dipped in hot water.

If five or six potatoes are added to the sponge the bread will keep moist much longer.

Eggs used for covering croquettes may be the whole eggs or the whites only, never yolks only.

In making a cake grease the tin with sweet lard rather than butter and sift a little dry flour over it.

Melted butter used for basting is used in proportion of one tablespoonful melted to one cupful of hot water. Always keep hot while using.

## Train and Track.

Railway fares in India are the lowest in the world.

The new Amur railway will involve the construction of a large viaduct 2,915 yards long over the river Amur.

Southern Pacific surveyors are at work laying out lines for a seven mile tunnel through the crest of the Sierras to relieve the main overland line of the stiff grades.

When riding on a train count while holding your watch in your hand the clicks as the wheels pass from rail to rail. If you count 176 clicks per minute you are going sixty miles an hour, there being 176 rails to the mile.

## State Lines.

Idaho has more land open to settlement than any other state in the Union.

Illinois has projected a public highway to extend through the entire state, to be known as "Lincoln highway."

Louisiana's sulphur deposits have cut our importation 75 per cent in two years and built up a totally new export trade.

There was a decrease of 20,000 in the number of marriages in New York state during the past year under the new marriage license law.

## The Royal Box.

Kaiser William never travels incognito.

King George of Greece is the poorest of all European monarchs.

King Edward when Prince of Wales never voted on any political question, but he always voted for the deceased wife's sister bill, which was a social and not a political matter.

## Proverbs.

Too sharp a sword cuts the scabbard.—French Proverb.

The best throw of the dice is to throw them away.—Spanish Proverb.

A knowledge of the way is a good part of the journey.—German Proverb.

Custom is the plague of the wise men and the idol of fools.—Latin Proverb.

**Prominence.**  
"He is a man of considerable prominence, is he not?"  
"Yes; he is one of our most widely known 'also spokes.'—New York Press.

**Particular Maria.**  
There was a Boston maiden  
Named Annabelle Maria.  
She wore a white sweater to be in style,  
And none of her friends could suppress a smile  
When she called it her white "per-spirath."  
—Chicago News.

**Exclusive.**  
The Actress proudly—My baron has an airship, an automobile, an equipage and saddle horses. He only uses his legs to kick the servants with.—Jugend.

**Papa's Boy.**  
"He has eyes like his father, hasn't he?"  
"Yes; he's pop eyed."—Detroit Free Press.

**His Fate.**  
A tenderfoot went out to Yuma,  
And there he encountered a puma,  
And later they found  
Just a spot on the ground  
And a puma in very good humar!  
—Douglas (Ariz.) Dispatch.

**A Shame.**  
The Loser—Do you think it's wicked to play poker?  
The Winner—Yes, the way you play it.—Cleveland Leader.

**A Paradoxical Push.**  
"How is it that actress has come forward so rapidly?"  
"I suppose because she has so much backing."—Baltimore American.

**The Lunch Counter Life.**  
Three times a day he climbed a stool  
And ordered ham and eggs  
Until he learned to grunt and grew  
Pinfeathers on his legs.  
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Only Man.**  
The only man who really knows how hard it is to find a woman's pocket is the one who marries her for her money.—Puck.

**Desperate Case.**  
"What would you advise me to do to improve my looks?"  
"Anything."—Houston Post.

**When Dolly Sings.**  
She thrills my soul the while I sit—  
She warbles like a bird—  
But, gracious me, I must admit  
I can't make out a word!  
—Harper's Weekly.

**Helping Him Out.**  
Reporter—How shall I handle this mad dog story?  
City Editor—Make it snappy.—Puck.

**On Her Way to the Club.**  
"For mercy's sake, whose dirty little boy are you?"  
"Yours, mamma."—Chicago Tribune.

**March 4.**  
Let not a chill climatic doubt  
Cause patriot joy to lag.  
We'll fling the starchy banner out  
And hide the cold wave flag.  
—Washington Star.

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