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The enormous multiplication of books, newspapers and periodicals, has made moderns generally more a reading than a talking people. It was old Thomas Fuller who said: "The study of books is a languishing and feeble motion, that heats not, exercises at once. I have stout expressions among brave men, and to have them speak as they think." It is also among the Proverbs that "iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." While it is admitted that conversation cannot be taught, it has been demonstrated that it is proper to lay down certain general rules by which the talker may at least promote the comfort of the company in which he finds himself. Here are some condensations in point.

Do not talk "shop."
Variety is the life of conversation.
Speak of yourself as little as possible.

Do not mistake the flippant for the witty.
Beware of an impatience to interrupt others.
Beware of uneasiness when others interrupt you.

To listen well is almost as indispensable as to talk well.
Nobody can be expected to talk sense in a ball-room.
Choose a conversational style adapted to your company.

The age of Great Talk has been succeeded by that of Small Talk.
There are persons who speak a moment before they have thought.
In a general conversation never attempt to joke with your superiors.

The basis of all ordinary social conversation must necessarily be small talk.
Be patient when elderly people are garrulous. Respect old age even when it twaddles.
No gentleman will sprinkle his conversation with indelicate allusions or double meanings.

To use many circumstances are you come to matter in comparison; and to use none at all is blurt.
A specialist can never make a good conversationalist. His mind runs always in the same groove.
We should never say anything which any of the company can reasonably wish we had left unsaid.
It is a great misfortune not to have wit enough to talk well nor judgment enough to hold your tongue.

Do not give another, even if it be a better version of a story already told by one of your companions.
Do not talk too much. Even those who gathered round Macaulay longed occasionally for "flashes of silence."
Never "make fun" of personal defects. Think of the children who mocked at Elijah: "Go up, thou bald head, go."
Avoid elaborate discussion of political and religious subjects, as it cannot fail to awaken feelings of irritation and dislike.

The true spirit of conversation consists less in displaying one's own cleverness than in bringing out the cleverness of others.
A good thing loses its goodness on repetition, just as claret and olives pall upon the palate when they enter into our daily fare.
The most successful talker is the man or woman who has most to say that is sensible and entertaining on the greatest number of subjects.
No style of conversation is more acceptable than the narrative, because this does not carry an air of superiority over the rest of the company.

However much in the right it is good to yield when you perceive that persistence in ventilating your opinions will result in open variance.
Be careful how you distribute praise or blame to your neighbors. Some of those present will have their prejudices or their partialities, which you will be sure to offend.
The Ticking of a Clock.
Slight though the ticking of a clock may be, its sudden cessation has a wonderful influence upon the inmates of a room in which the time-keeper is located. A dim realization of something wrong steals over the senses—a feeling as if something of value had been lost, or a friend had gone away, perhaps never to return, or as if some of the children were sick, until suddenly some one looks up and exclaims: "Why, the clock's stopped!" And immediately the ill-defined forebodings dissipate, the little shadow of gloom melts away, and as the winding-up process is completed, and the cheery ticking recommences, the family circle regains its wonted buoyancy of spirits and the members wonder what it was that made them feel so gloomy a few moments before.

Simpson and his wife were on their way to church and the lady was putting on her gloves. "My dear," he said pettishly, "you should complete your toilet at home. I'd just as soon see a woman putting on her stockings on the street as putting on her gloves." "Most men would," she said promptly; and the abashed husband didn't say another word.

Gems of Advice.

Hunger and conversation are the best dinner sauce.
Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy is the best bred in the company.
Nothing should appear at a cold collation which requires carving or cannot be easily helped.
The choice of a wife or husband is the most serious thing that a man or woman has to decide upon.
Do not search your table napkins. A napkin that is not soft and pliable is manifestly unfit for its purpose.
At a picnic never use your best plate, glass or china; so shall you avoid much heart-burning and irritation of temper.
Absence makes the heart of host and guest grow fonder; they relish one another all the better for an interval of separation.
Speaking of dinners, it is said that "the politician who keeps a good cook is a tower of strength to his party."
Marriage is the mother of the world. It preserves kingdoms and fills cities and churches, and Heaven itself.—Jeremy Taylor.
When a woman is very pretty one never looks at her dress; and when the dress is very striking one forgets to look at the woman.
There can be no surer proof of low origin, or of an innate meanness of disposition, than to be always talking and thinking of being genteel.
The ball is the paradise of youth and love. When we have turned forty we regard it as a weariness and a delusion, and denounce it, perhaps, as fit only for fools.
Conversation should be a series of pauses linked together by a few suitable words; many people, however, in their anxiety to bring-out their words, forget their pauses.
Let your talk be always adapted carefully to time and place. Don't prate about homopathy to a doctor, or the blessings of celibacy to a young lady engaged to be married.
Plain English and pure, from the well undeffiled of the best writers and speakers—let that be the vehicle in which your opinions are conveyed, and the plainer and purer the better.
Wear little jewelry. A man never looks to less advantage than when he enters into competition with a jeweler's show window. The love of charms, and trinkets, and rings is a survival of barbarism.
Be generous, be a gentleman; that is, be equitable, refined, genial, just in the interpretation of motives, prompt to forgive and forgive, patient, humane, tender, courteous. If thou dost seek to realize the loftiest excellences of the Christian character and humbly strive to imitate the Master's charity, patience, endurance, and self-sacrifice, then shall it be said of thee, as Tennyson has said of his friend, Arthur Hallam:—
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