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Indulgence in social fibs grows
pace into a habit. The conscience
of the average person acquires these
little subterfuges of immorality, but
the use of them renders social in-
tercourse even more insincere than
it need be. Let a woman pause to
think, and she will be astonished
when she takes to noticing how
many of these little fiblets she re-
sorts to, and without which she
would do very well. There is that
phrase, "Charmed, I'm sure," could
anything be more foolish? Why
miss the chance to make a hit by
substituting for this idioey an ap-
parently sincere and grave "It will
give me great pleasure." The
phrase has, at least, the air of
meaning something and being origi-
nated for the occasion. Then
there is "Quite well, I thank you"
substituted in unheeding responses
to an unheeded question. Try say-
ing it as though it meant "Thank
you for caring."

Sometimes the unexpected vital
zing of a worn and meaningless
phrase on the lips of the one just
introduced is what arrests the at-
tention and gives an expression of
individuality and sincerity before
three sentences have been spoken.
Often a serious and sincere reply to
a gabbled catch remark will at
once set the talk running along lines
of interest. Try it! When he says
to you, "Pleasant weather we are
having," perhaps when it's raining
in proof that he wasn't thinking a

bit of what he said, you can return
gravely, "I like the rain, too," this
with an air of unflinching and quite
unaffected sincerity. And behold!
the topic of the weather, so thread
bare, will be an interesting one, in
asmuch as it starts you to some
sort of agreement and exchange of
opinions instead of empty phrases.

The not-at-home fib is one that
is difficult to avoid at all times. It
is often the gentlest way of denying
one's audience, for the disappoint-
ed visitor is left the option of be-
lieving circumstances and not your
unwillingness prevents an inter-
view, but many times a candid ex-
cuse sent to a friend would meet
the case much better. Let the maid
say, "Mrs. S. is so sorry, but
she is too ill to see anyone to-day
and hopes you will call again soon."
Or "something like that. "I beg
your pardon" is another phrase too
really pretty to be spoiled by care-
less use. Don't fire it off on every
occasion, and when you are really
sorry about something say so. "I
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