

The Homemaker's Books

By Dorothy Parkhurst

Table Etiquette—

Miss Mary D. Chambers has named her book, Table Etiquette, Menus and Much Besides, and this three-in-one title is not exaggerated. There has been a revolution in the last decade on table etiquette. Some



people, in expressing this new freedom, show poor taste, but Miss Chambers has tried to distinguish the good manners from the bad.

Should you eat crisp, brittle bacon strips from your fingers? Is it permissible to put your elbows on the table? Would you eat peas with a spoon? Answers to these questions come in the first chapter of this new book, copyrighted in 1929, and there are 13 other valuable chapters, written in a manner which is understandable and enjoyable.

Some women would lay their table in the same way for a family breakfast as for a formal dinner. Others do not understand just what to do on certain occasions and consequently are ill at ease. Still others cannot decide just what pieces of silver, glassware or china they will need. This helpful book will guide them, and every phase of it is well illustrated. Even the waitress may read about how to serve properly and the "head of the house" may take a lesson on carving.

There are between 40 and 50 typical menus for family and formal meals, bridge parties, teas, or almost any form of entertaining, besides chapters on rules of menu-making, telling how to combine foods correctly and deliciously and showing how to avoid common errors.

"And Much Besides," the third part of the title, includes descriptions of the newest table decorations, silver, glass, china and linen. Writing invitations,

making introductions, the etiquette of table talk and conversation, and the etiquette of cards and calling are taken up as well, since all these have suffered recent reform.

It has been well said that no man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today that the weight is more than a man can bear.—George Maedonald.

A GOOD SAMARITAN IN COLLEGE

A certain Freshman went down from home to college and she fell among critics who said that she had no style, that her manners were awkward and that she had an unattractive personality. Then they stripped her of her self-confidence, her enthusiasm and her courage and departed, leaving her hurt and lonely and half dead.

And when the Seniors saw it they were amused, saying, "What a good job the Sophomores are doing on that Freshman," and they passed by on the other side.

In like manner the Juniors also when they saw it smiled and said, "Yea, verily, for she hath not the making of a good sorority girl," and they passed by on the other side.

But a certain special student, as she went about, came where she was and, when she saw her, she was moved with compassion and came to her and bound up her wounds, pouring in sympathy and understanding, and she took her to her room and set her on her feet again and brought her unto her own circle and was a friend to her.

Which of these thinkest thou proved neighbor to her that fell among critics? Go thou and do likewise!

—Dr. Chas. W. Gilkey.

Drying Hose

The coed's worries about getting a pair of hose dry for her 7:15 or last minute date, can be prevented without her having to place them on the radiator with the additional fear of scorching them.

Experiments have proved that if the hose are wrapped in a heavy, absorbent turkish bath towel, kept there for ten minutes, and then hung up, they will be as dry in an hour as when she had remembered to launder them early in the day.

A singular fact, that, when man is a brute, he is the most sensual and loathsome of all brutes.—Hawthorne.

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