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***Social Basics for the Young Lady***

* *Upon being introduced to a gentleman, a lady will never offer her hand. She should bow politely and say “I am happy to make your acquaintance” or words to that effect.*
* *When bowing on the street, it is appropriate to incline the head gracefully, but not the body.*
* *When traveling by train, the well-bred lady had a delicate sense of self respect that keeps her from contact with her neighbor, as far as such contact is avoidable.*
* *A lady never looks back after anyone in the street, or turns to stare at them in the theater, concert hall, or opera.*
* *A lady never, ever smokes.*
* *In crossing the street, a lady raises her dress a little above the ankle. Raising the dress with both hands exposes too much ankle, and is most vulgar.*
* *A lady will always rise to their feet in respect for an older person, or one of a higher social standing.*
* *Above all, the lady strives to be dignified and elegant in everything she does.*

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***Social Basics for the Young Gentlemen***

* *A gentleman will always tip his hat to greet a lady.*
* *When walking in the street, the gentleman always walks on the outside to protect his lady from the dangers of the road.*
* *If a gentleman is smoking and a lady passes by, he should remove the cigar from his mouth.*
* *A true gentleman should always rise when a lady enters or leaves the room, and remove his hat upon entering a room where ladies are present. He should also precede a lady in ascending the stairs, and follow her in descending them.*
* *A gentleman always stands to shake hands.*
* *During the daytime, a gentleman never offers a lady his arm unless to protect her in a large crowd. In the evening, it is appropriate for her to take his arm.*
* *A gentleman should never place his arm on the back of a chair occupied by a lady.*

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***The Etiquette of Dress***

* *When staying with friends on a Sunday, it is correct for to appear at breakfast in the same dress you intend to wear at church. To put on another dress for so short a time would be foolish!*
* *For morning wear, one cannot dress too simply. A light, inexpensive material in a delicate whole color is perfect.*
* *All ornaments in the morning are likely to be viewed as very bad taste!*
* *For the riding costume, the key considerations are utility and compactness. Take care not to wear too long a skirt, for it is apt to be a danger in case of accident and will often alarm the horses.*
* *When attending a ball, the effect of a ball-gown should be to appear striking as one enters the room, and yet neat upon leaving it.*
* *Ball-gowns should be of delicate, flimsy material and in a soft, light color. Gloves should be extremely long, to cover most of the arm.*
* *In the country, day-dress is apt to be considerably plainer and more simplistic.*
* *The visiting dress should be of a richer texture and gayer in color than the day dress at home.*
* *Displaying a great quantity of jewelry in the daytime is in very poor taste.*
* *Low-fronted dressed should be restricted to dinners by candlelight.*
* *Always dress according to your station and class. There is a silly fashion amongst servant girls to save their wages and purchase fine, expensive costumes, which are impractical and unsuited to their lifestyle.*
* *The wearing of sham jewelry is most appallingly vulgar!*

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***Other Interesting Rules and Tips***

* *A single lady and a single gentleman should never be left alone in a room together. This could be embarrassing for them, and lead to speculation amongst others.*
* *A gentleman should not engage in conversation with a lady to whom he has not been formally introduced. If he has been introduced to her for the purpose of dancing, this does not count. If he wished to become further acquainted with her, he must find a mutual friend who will make introductions.*
* *At a wedding, it is impolite to compliment the bride, who should receive merely wishes for a happy future. The groom is the one to be congratulated – after all, he is the fortunate one!*
* *When at a dinner party, ladies should keep their gloves on until the wearer is seated at the table, at which point they must be removed. They should be resumed afterwards, the right glove put on prior to shaking hands to say goodbye.*
* *When making conversation at the dining table, one must take care not to use gestures of the hands.*

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