

Tips From Emily Post

1. Men eating in a restaurant what should you do with your wraps?

Ans. "In a fashionable restaurant a man leaves his hat and coat in the coat room or checks them at the entrance. A woman leaves her wrap in the dressing-room--or, if she prefers, she goes into the dining-room and sits down at the table as she is. She then merely throws the shoulders of her wrap back of her, over her chair."

2. When should a boy ask for a dance?

Ans. "If a girl is sitting in another room or alone with a man, a second one should not interrupt or ask her to dance. If she is sitting in a group, he can go up and ask her, 'Don't you want to dance some of this?' She then either refuses or accepts. To refuse to dance with one man and then immediately dance with another is an open affront to the first one."

3. How should you remove bones and seeds from your mouth when eating?

Ans. "Fish bones or other accidental bones are taken between fingers and the thumb and removed between compressed lips. Seeds must be eaten quite bare and clean in the mouth and dropped into the cupped fist and then into the plate."

4. Should you shake hands when introduced to a stranger?

Ans. "Then gentlemen are introduced to each

other, they always shake hands. When a gentleman is introduced to a lady, she generally merely smiles and says, 'How do you do!' Strictly speaking, it is her place to offer her hand or not, as she chooses; but if he puts out his hand, she of course gives him hers. Nothing could be more ill-bred than to treat any spontaneous friendliness curtly."

7. Is it rude to wipe off the tableware with a napkin?

Ans. "Sometimes in restaurants one sees people wiping knives, forks, and spoons on their napkins. This is an act insulting to any reputable proprietor and inexcusable."

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