

LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION. These are of two kinds. First, as to business. Second, those of friendship. For example: If you have a friend going to a distant place to transact certain business, it may be necessary for him to form some acquaintance there for business purposes only. You have, perhaps, a correspondent there; yet you are not sufficiently intimate to ask him to entertain your friend; but as a matter of common courtesy, he cannot refuse to accept him as a business acquaintance, for which purpose you write a letter similar to the following:

NEW YORK, 20th September, 1860. Mr. A. J. Hooper: Dear Sir: The bearer of this is my friend, George Jones, who goes to New Orleans to effect a settlement with the assignees of the late firm of Corning & Co. As he will be a stranger in your city, I have taken the liberty to introduce him to your notice, and any attention or advice you may give him will be duly appreciated by your faithful servt., GEORGE LAW.

Mr. Jones presents his letter to Mr. Hooper, and if the latter chooses to consider it strictly a business letter, there is no breach of etiquette. He can invite Mr. Jones to his house, or not, as he pleases. Ordinary letters of introduction, however, are considered as certificates of good social position, and proofs that the writer knows the bearer to be a proper person to be admitted into the family circle of the person to whom the letter is addressed. But yet it is not often the case that such a letter will do more than give the recipient an invitation to dinner, unless he should prove to be an uncommonly agreeable acquaintance. Letters of introduction are therefore sometimes facetiously termed "tickets for soup," and many people will not make use of them at all, for that reason. The following is a form of such a letter, though in special cases it may be written in more urgent terms:

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10th, 1860. Dear Sir: The bearer of this, Mr. Edward Everett, an esteemed friend of mine, is about to visit London for the first time, and will consequently be a stranger in your metropolis. Any attentions which you may extend to him will be gratefully appreciated by your friend and humble servant, JAMES BUCHANAN.

Hon JOHN RUSSELL. It is not customary to deliver a friendly letter of introduction personally. You should send it to the person to whom it is directed, on your arrival, accompanied by your card of address. If he desires to respond to the request of your friend, he will either call on you personally or give you a written invitation to visit him. A neglect to call would be considered by some people a mark of ill breeding, though it really is not, as the person addressed may consult his own convenience or feelings in the matter. Nor is he compelled to invite you to his house unless he is so disposed. A simple return of his own card is all that is required, and then you can call on him at your leisure. A letter of introduction should never be sealed by the person giving it; but the recipient should seal it when he sends it to the party to whom it is addressed. In Europe it is always customary for any one with a letter of introduction to make the first call; but here we are more considerate, for we think that a stranger should never be made to feel that he is begging for our attentions—that he possesses a certain delicacy that would induce him not to intrude until he is positive that his company would be agreeable. Hence if you desire to welcome any one recommended to you by letter from your friend, call upon him with all possible dispatch after you receive his letter of introduction.

SALUTATIONS. If you meet a friend in the street, or in any public place, do not call him by name loudly, as "Ah, Brown, how d'ye do." It is not even necessary to speak his name at all so that strangers may hear, as modest people do not desire to attract notice from any one. Accost your friend quietly, and in a low tone of voice. Should you meet a lady of your acquaintance in the street, or in a public place, it is not necessary that you should speak, or even notice her, unless she first recognizes you. You should, however, give her ample opportunity to see that you are aware of her presence. If she bows, you should take off your hat, or rather lift it from your head. A mere touch of the hat will not answer. There are no doubt many diffident young ladies who do not appreciate the necessity of making the first demonstration when they meet their male acquaintances; but such should remember that their sex is always paramount. They are at liberty to bow, or not, as they please while a gentleman would make an almost unendurable breach of good manners should he neglect to respond to the least possible nod of a lady. Salutations should vary in style with persons, times, places and circumstances. You will meet a friend with a shake of the hand and an inquiry after his health, and that of his family, if you have been introduced there. To a slight acquaintance you will respectfully bow without speaking, or faintly recognize him in any other way. But in no case should you refuse to return recognitions of this kind made by any person whatever. Even to your enemy, it is in bad taste to decline a recognition should be salute you. In sprightly settled places it is customary to salute everybody you meet with a bow, and the custom is an excellent one, as it shows kindly feeling and a good heart.

LEARNED ELEPHANT.—"That's a very knowing animal of yours," said a cockney gentleman to a keeper of an elephant. "Yer," was the cool rejoinder. "He performs strange tricks on a hanticks, does he?" inquired the cockney, eyeing the animal through the glass. "Sarjant!" retorted the keeper, "we've learnt him to put money in that box you see away there. Try him with a dollar." The cockney handed the elephant a dollar, and sure enough he took it in his trunk, and placed it in a box high out of reach. "Well, that is very extraordinary—hastening!" truly! Is now let's see him take it out and hand it back." "We never learnt him that," retorted the keeper with a roguish leer, and then turned away to stir up the monkeys and punch the hyenas.

In England, considerable excitement has been created among naturalists and geographers by the startling discovery recently made in Central Africa, by a gentleman now in London, Mr. Chayton, a gentleman of mixed French and American blood, who, availing himself of the facilities given by his position as son of a consular officer, near the Gaboon river, has penetrated across the African continent on the line of the equator, and has there discovered, in a densely wooded region, a range of lofty mountains (one peak calculated by him at 12,000 feet) which contain, according to his conviction, the sources of the great rivers of the African continent, the Nile, the Niger, the Zambesi, and the Zaire or Congo.

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