THE CORRECT THING, 1930s-1960s

The Correct Thing

By Elinor Ames

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MANNERS AT THE MOVIES

While her escort is waiting on line to buy the movie tickets, a young lady either enters the lobby or stands to one side and waits for him. It is not proper, nor is it considerate of others, for her to stand on the line or beside him. (This is the first of a series on "Manners at the Movies.")

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MANNERS AT HOME!

Remember, the courtesy you extend to others should be shown to members of your own family! It's wrong to talk with your pipe in your mouth . . . whether you're speaking to acquaintances or your wife.

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"LAST NAME" FOR CHAUFFEUR

Although sometimes, if he has an unusual or hard-to-pronounce last name, a chauffeur is called by his first name—it's more usual to address him as "Smith" or "Jones."

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IN AUTOMOBILES

"Women . . . precede men into vehicles and follow them out . . . A gentleman always alights from a vehicle whenever a woman is getting in or out and assists her by opening the door and proffering the hand." (Material taken from West Point Manual of Official Courtesy and Customs of the Service. Posed by professional models).

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DON'T LINGER

Since the gentlemen in the party must rise and remain standing if a lady stops to speak to any one at their table, the lady should not enter into a lengthy conversation.

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"LET'S GO SWIMMING!"

Be sure that the suit you choose is in good taste and appropriate for your figure! (And now that the men are all wearing topless swim trunks, why don't they give a thought to their appearance!)

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SHOULD SHE ASSIST HIM

Ordinarily a lady does not assist a gentleman to put on his overcoat. If, however, he is obviously having difficulty with it, she may do so.

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VISIT A BACHELOR'S APARTMENT?

In large cities it is no longer considered improper for a young woman to visit a man's apartment. Very often two couples dine together in bachelor's quarters—each couple serving as chaperons for the other. In smaller communities, however, this modern view is not always held. The wise young woman is guided by the conventions in the group in which she moves.

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SELFISH YOUNGSTER? If you want your child to have good manners when he grows up, train him early in courtesy, fair play, etc. Too often the elder child is compelled to give in to "little brother" and consequently "little brother" grows to be selfish and self-centered.

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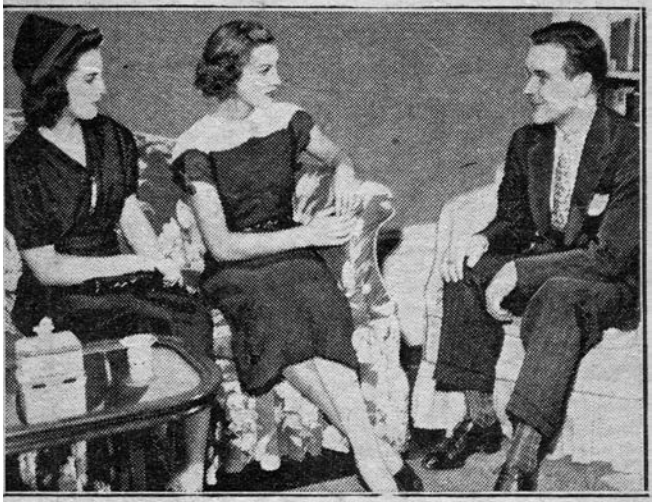

DON'T CORRECT ANOTHER!

Unless a friend has requested you to correct his grammar or pronunciation, don't do so . . . and in no circumstances correct another in public!

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DON'T BE OPINIONATED

It's all right to disagree with others, but don't be so opinionated that nobody wants to discuss anything with you. And remember, a good conversationalist does not start every sentence with "I"!

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DO YOU DO THIS?

The girl who slips her feet out of her shoes may enjoy the comfort attained but she certainly spoils her appearance and commits a social error as well.

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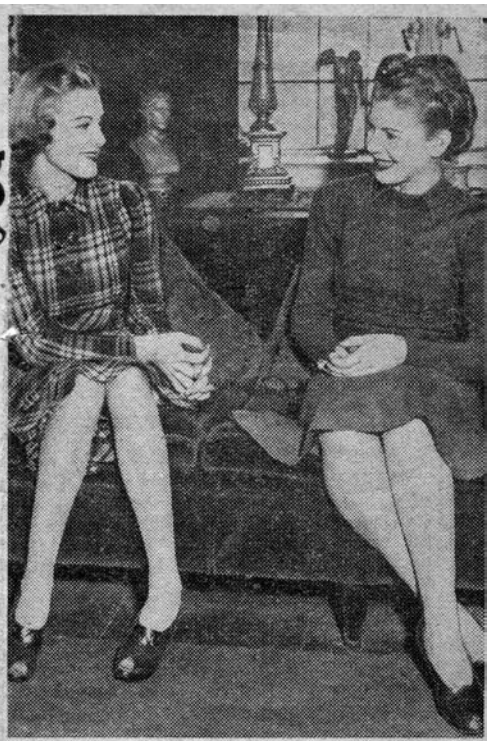

DO YOU SIT GRACEFULLY?

A lady never sits with feet far apart or legs twisted around chair rungs. Although it's permissible to cross the legs, when short skirts are worn a woman who cares about her appearance does not cross her knees!

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PUT IT OUT

Be sure to extinguish the cigaret you discard! A smoldering cigaret stub is annoying and can prove dangerous.

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HOSTESS LEAVES THE TIP

In a restaurant, the one who pays the bill leaves the tip. When a friend is your hostess at lunch, don't offer to tip the waitress.

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GUEST SUGGESTS LEAVING

When a business woman takes a group of her friends to a restaurant or hotel for lunch on a week day the guests should remember that the lunch hour must not be extended to "hours"! A guest should suggest leaving shortly after dessert is served. If none of her guests does this, the hostess is permitted to apologize and explain that she must return to her office.

Courtesy: Reuben's

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PROTECT FURNITURE— When you are in another's home, don't "curl up" on the sofa. If you want to do this in your own home, remove your shoes.

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A FRIEND GIVES THE SHOWER

Jane, who will be one of the attendants at Elsa's wedding, is sending out invitations to a shower which she has planned for the prospective bride. It is not considered good form for the bride's sister or any member of her family to give a shower for her, but her girl friends usually plan at least one such pre-nuptial affair.

Lucille Wilds posed as a Spring bride in traditional white for series on "The Correct Wedding" on May 2, 1941.

And today Lucille has a husband and two children to look after. On July 25, 1941, less than three months after acting as a bride, she became Mrs. David Levy.

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THE SPRING BRIDE!

White is the traditional choice of the girl who is married for the first time. Satin is always correct, regardless of the season, but the Spring bride often prefers tulle, organza, chiffon or any of the sheer Summer cottons. (This is the first of a series on "The Correct Wedding.")

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THE HOME WEDDING

At a wedding in the home or a hotel, there is no recessional. After the ceremony is completed, the bride and bridegroom turn around and greet their guests.

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HONEYMOON START

Bill and his bride quietly slipped away from their wedding guests and now, changed to their going-away attire, are ready for the best man to signal that the car is waiting for them. (The best man always arranges about the couple's departure, takes care of tickets, reservations, etc.)

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(Coat by Sherbrooke Rainwear)

DRESS APPROPRIATELY—School is a preparation for adult life. Blue jeans, unpolished shoes and stained or wrinkled clothes lower the tone of the school day. Pupils who dress carelessly, who give no thought to their appearance when going to school, are forming habits that will be hard to overcome when they later seek jobs. A tailored or sport coat (polo, reversible, chinchilla, etc.) is the wise choice for a girl. Boys wear windbreakers, car coats or overcoats. Well brushed hair, polished shoes, general neatness should be "musts" for both of them.