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that by which men decide on you favourably or the reverse."—
BUTLER.

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ETIQUETTE FOR ALL.

ETIQUETTE may be defined as the due observance of a polite and refined manner in our social intercourse. It is the word used to designate the rules and ceremonies recognised and exacted by civilized society, and the knowledge and practice of these, constitute Politeness or Good-breeding. There are various kinds of Etiquette, such as that pertaining to the court of the Sovereign, the Church, the Courts of Law, and the other professions: but in choosing the title of this little Manual, our purpose in its compilation must be understood as restricted to a recapitulation of those rules, precepts, and practices acknowledged by all ranks when brought together by the ordinary exigencies of social life. When we speak of the Etiquette to be observed on any particular occasion, we simply mean the usual and most polite manner in which we can best discharge the duties

devolving upon us for the time being. There are few amongst us who have not at times been in the painful situation of doubt and uncertainty regarding the method of procedure in some particular circumstances either public or private. It is our object in this Manual to lay before our readers some of those established rules which obtain in the best circles, and which have been collected and rendered applicable to the present state of society.

Some captious critics may question the necessity of such books as this, and sneer at the seeming shams which people practice in society. Yet all of us must admit that Fashion is omnipotent with the generality of mankind, and that he who would mix with his kind with pleasure to himself and those whose society he seeks, must own her sway and submit to her laws. The philosophic observer is well aware of many absurdities in Fashion and Etiquette that have long survived the natural necessity which called them into existence. The Sage of Chelsea has wisely illustrated this fact by his story of Jean Paul's gentle shepherd, in whose flock a leading ram seeking fresher pasture in a neighbouring field, leaped the barrier to gain his end, and being followed by the rest of the sheep, who tore their wool in following the example, the good man removed the fence so that they might walk through without impedi-

ment.—Still the flock kept leaping in the air as if the barrier had still been there. And so it is with Fashion. Some leading ram, perhaps with toothache in his sinister jaw, to save the twinge, took his soup from the side of his spoon, which all the other guests observing, must needs assume that it was proper for them to do so too. When the Empress Eugenie first invented Crinoline, there was a natural necessity for it, and it was modest in her to do so. The fashion has been universally adopted, and still it spreads, though the original cause of its use has long since disappeared. And thus it will be to the end of the chapter. Let any one, therefore, instead of fretting and making himself miserable by railing at what he cannot mend (and probably does not understand), endeavour to discern the difference between frivolous trifling and true politeness, which latter is always founded on the natural instinct and the clear perceptions of a healthy intellect.

IMPORTANCE OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR.

The importance of good behaviour, or in other words, true politeness, can hardly be over-estimated: it gives so much grace and elegance to the most simple sayings