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**For Women**

1. **Thou shalt try to make thy conversation interesting and at least to some extent intelligent.**

2. **Thou shalt not break dates.**

3. **Thou shalt not burden the hapless male with a vast assortment of compacts, mirrors, lipsticks, and whatnot.**

4. **Thou shalt not jeopardize thy social popularity with the opposite sex by the use of "a line," for such a quality is both repulsive and repugnant to them.**

5. **Thou shalt avoid trite and irksome expressions as a method to fill in a lull in the conversation.**

6. **Thou shalt use discretion concerning when and where to take the arm of thy male companion, and under no circumstances hang upon his arm.**

7. **Thou shalt refrain from giggling at all times.**

8. **Thou shalt be prompt for dates, for lateness is a severe test to masculine temperament.**

9. **Thou shalt not be loud nor noisy, for thou shouldst be seen and not heard all over the campus.**

10. **Thou shalt refrain from calling thy girl-friends by pet names within hearing of the masculine sex.**

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Donald McGuinness Tells What Courtesies

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Men are inclined to base this hasty condemnation of girls on trivial and supposedly insignificant things. Laying aside physical beauty the man's most destructive criticism is aimed at the conversational ability of women. If a man has an opportunity to air his mental beliefs—he be ever so small—to understanding, not sympathetic, feminine ears her success is assured. Whether his mental rating be high or low nothing enhances a man like a woman who can discuss economics, philosophy or religion with him intelligently.

Most men, consciously or unconsciously, have their own codes of 'taboos' by which they judge the opposite sex, and a majority of these codes are built around only a few social errors.

"If there is anything I hate it's to hear two girls calling each other by pet names," said one of Iowa State's male students vehemently. He cited as examples 'honey,' "dear" and "kid."

Men agree that the quickest way for a girl to dig her social grave is to break dates. Nothing cuts deeper into the heart of masculine pride, and no news travels faster than a broken date. They are willing to accept a reasonable excuse, but "lame" arguments—and men are over adept at sensing them—arouse plenty of unflattering criticism. Along with date breaking goes promptness. If ever a male is susceptible to black thoughts is after the first 20 minutes spent in a parlor waiting for the girl-friend with nothing to do but twiddle his thumbs and smile enviously at his friends as they pass by.

"The less I see of giggling girls the more I enjoy life," said one male with the hearty approval of half a dozen others. "If she can't express her merit by a sincere laugh or a charming smile, I would rather she didn't express it at all." And along with this quotation goes the opinion among men that more girls giggle themselves out of the admiration of masculinity than freeze themselves out by a lack of humor.

Loud, noisy girls are taboo, deerees the male student of Iowa State. "Such girls show a lack of refinement," says one. "They seldom have a sane thought in their head when they are noisy," says another. From a consensus of masculine opinion it behooves a girl to be careful about developing "a line." One college student in expressing his opinions on the subject said, "Girls with a line are usually 'lousy' except in rare cases where their personality makes them amusing. Such cases are the exception rather than the rule."

If a man chuckles or appears delighted at the use of a trite expression he is usually doing it just to be polite, while under his skin, by his own admission, he is scathing. Such expressions as "Oh, yeah?" "I'd be delighted," and "I adore it," are especially irksome. Men like to be flattered, it is true, but they don't like to have the same phrases used on them over and over again.

Some girls worry too much about how many accessories they should take with them on a date, and others don't worry enough about it. "I'm always glad to carry all the compacts, combs, purses, et cetera, that I can stuff in my pockets without making them bulge," is the agreement of men on this score, but the girl who brings everything but the kitchen sink on a date is very likely to be put on a fellow's black list—unless he has big pockets.

There are other things which men as a rule do not like to mention to their friends, but by which, nevertheless, they do judge the members of the opposite sex.

Gold-digging is a poignent source of discomfort to most men. They are slow to mention it to anyone else but quick to sense it. A girl drops rapidly into a man's opinion when she orders a midnight banquet and then merely nibbles it.

Most men are under the impression that it is the duty of the girl to keep up conversation on the first date. Not a single male has offered a logical reason for this assumption but it is, nevertheless, a firm masculine conviction.

Among the list of little social niceties which men expect of a woman are the proper ways of seating herself when her chair is being held for her and knowing how to take her companion's arm. No

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