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RUSH week! A week of new friends and new experiences.

Perfectly groomed, dressed simply but beyond criticism, with etiquette and courtesy a natural part of you, a smile on your lips and a sparkle in your eye, you are ready to make many new friends. Forget yourself and put your interest in others and in their activities, i.e. that is the way to be well liked.

You don’t want to be the one who rushes off to a party so excitedly that hours of panic and disappointment may follow. But don’t trust to luck that you will look well enough to "get by," that no one will notice that you hadn’t time to fix your nails and find the right pair of gloves and press unsightly wrinkles out of your dress.

Saturday and Sunday afternoon and rushing has formally begun. You are neat and trim and perfectly groomed. Your new afternoon dress has just enough of an air to bespeak "informality." It may be one of this fall’s soft new woolens or knits or a tailored silk. Matching or harmonizing hat and gloves adorn your head and hands. If you think a purse is awkward to manage at a tea, it is quite permissible to leave it at home. Your gloves come off while you eat, and that is when a well-done and not-too-conspicuous manicure will shine.

For the afternoon parties which follow classes during the next week, campus clothes are quite correct. Your very nicest sweater and skirt or a simple sport dress will put you at ease the moment you arrive.

For the informal dinners wear the same dress or one similar to the one you wore to tea. And that new long dinner dress you’ve been saving will be just right for the formal dinners later in the week.

Now that your costume is all settled, it might be wise to consult Emily Post just to be sure that you haven’t forgotten any little points like which fork to use or how to respond to introductions. The most trivial thing may be the stumbling block to your... hopes and dreams.

It’s a clever girl who practices all the little courtesies, for she is the girl who is likely to receive a second invitation. When you go through the receiving line make those in it feel that it is a pleasure for you. It is always a flattering trick to catch the name of each person to whom you are introduced—and remem-