



SOCIAL
CALLINGS

Civility costs nothing and buys everything.

Lady Mary Wortley Montagu (1689–1762)



Incessant company is as bad
as solitary confinement.

Virginia Woolf (1882–1941)



Superior people never make long visits.

Marianne Moore (1887–1972)




Minute attention to propriety stops
the growth of virtue.

Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin (1759–1797)




It is bad *ton* to overwhelm with insipid flattery all women that we meet, without distinction of age, rank or merit. It may indeed please some of light and frivolous minds, but will disgust a woman of good sense.

Madame Celnart (1796–1865)



I do not want people to be
very agreeable as it saves
me the trouble of liking
them a great deal.

Jane Austen (1775–1817)



Tact is after all a kind of mind-reading.

Sarah Orne Jewett (1849–1909)



Nothing is so delicate as the reputation of a woman; it is at once the most beautiful and most brittle of all human things.

Jane Welsh Carlyle (1801–1866)



Good taste is the worst vice ever invented.

Edith Sitwell (1887–1964)



Until you've lost your reputation, you never realize what a burden it was or what freedom really is.

Margaret Mitchell (1900–1949)



Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use.

Emily Post (1873–1960)