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1. Don't be selfish.
2. Don't be so absorbed in your own meal that you are oblivious to your responsibility in serving others and in the general conversation.
3. Don't talk of disagreeable topics.
4. Don't monopolize the conversation.
5. Don't carry on conversation in undertones obviously excluding others at the table.
6. Don't forget the deference due the head of the table:
  - 1st. In passing food;
  - 2nd. In asking before leaving table;
  - 3rd. In conversation.
7. Don't sit until the hostess gives the signal by seating herself.
8. Don't prop knife on plate but lay across side of it. In passing a glass of water, hold glass as near the bottom as possible.
9. Don't attempt conversation with your mouth full.
10. Never lounge at table; sit gracefully. Keep chair on all four legs.
11. Don't sit far away from table and then tilt chair.
12. Don't go to the table with soiled face, hands, nails, or untidy hair.
13. Don't play with dishes or silverware.
14. Make as little noise as possible while eating.
15. Don't put the knife and fork on table after using them.
16. Never use your own knife and fork in serving yourself.
17. Don't eat from the half or whole slice; break the bread before biting.
18. Don't take bread or cheese with a fork.
19. Don't leave spoon in cup or glass.
20. Don't prop elbow on table.
21. Don't make an unnecessary noise with dishes.
22. Don't complain of how many things you can't eat.
23. Don't mix food on the serving plate any more than possible.
24. Do not make sandwiches at table; had the hostess wished the food to be eaten in the form of sandwiches she would have served it in that form.
25. Don't pick your teeth in the presence of others.
26. Do not before beginning to eat cut your entire piece of meat into bits.
27. Don't take more on your plate than you can eat.
28. Don't reach across the table for things.
29. Don't assemble all dishes around your own plate.
30. When as guests, don't offend your host's customs--watch theirs, and properly regard them.
31. Don't use napkin as a bib.
32. Don't disarrange the table during the meal.