

INTRODUCTIONS

The most ceremonious introduction possible is:

— "Mrs. Distinguished, may I present Mr. Traveler?" or
— "Mrs. Young, may I present Professor Gray?"

"Present" is somewhat more formal than the word "introduce", but "introduce" is equally proper.

The younger person is introduced to the older, but a gentleman is always presented to a lady even though he is a gentleman of distinction and the lady be no more than eighteen.

No woman is ever presented to a man, except to the President or to the Prime Minister.

The correct introduction of either a man or woman is:
To the President. "Mr. President, I have the honor to present Mrs. Williams".

Mrs. Williams bows. If the President offers his hand, Mrs. Williams gives him hers. She does not offer hers should he fail to make this gesture of courtesy — which is of course most unlikely.

To Distinguished Persons. A foreign ambassador is presented "Your Excellency, may I present you to Mrs. Williams?" or "Mrs. Williams, may I present His Excellency, the British Ambassador?"

A doctor, a judge, a bishop are addressed and introduced by their titles.