Courtesy & Good manners! Their days are gone! The lovely element of human nature—delicacy—seems also to be gone from friendship.

This fineness of fibre, says Mr. Munger, is made up of quick perception & fine feeling—it leads one to see instantly the line beyond which one may not go; to detect the boundary between friendliness & familiarity, between deference & less. This exquisite quality should be applied to all our friendships, so that we presume upon friendship, making it the prey of unwarranted liberties, soon destroy it. They often pride themselves on their candour, which is only rudeness, & their seeming honesty, but the lack of delicacy & refinement.

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