

Ladies & Gentlemen Unofficial FAQ

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Resources

- In setup, the rulebook says to return excess resources "to the box". That is incorrect. Place excess resources in a supply to the side; they will be used to replenish the resource pool available to the gentlemen each day.
- Each day, randomly replenish the resource pool from the supply until it has resources equal to 5x the gentlemen. Then add the number tokens to the pool.
- When spent, discard resources into a discard pile.

Contracts and Market

- One market card is randomly selected at the start of the game and applies for the entire game.
- When the first to fulfill a contract, the gentleman gets one of the two bonuses, not both.
- Contract cards that have a 50%-off bonus are kept until used, and then discarded.

Servants

- Servant cards selected during the shopping phase are kept secret from the gentlemen during the evening billing phase -- the lady presents the card face down to the gentleman. All servants cost £200, so the gentleman can decide whether or not to pay for it without looking at which servant it is.
- The only time the gentleman knows what servant card is being bought is when he buys it at half price from the window of his wife's boutique (when that boutique is not visited that day).

Final wardrobe

- A tiara and a hat can both be worn to the ball (once the lady goes inside she takes off her hat and puts on her tiara).
- Items that you cannot wear to the ball are discarded and do not count as part of your wardrobe when determining servant bonuses. (Per designer: <https://boardgamegeek.com/article/12420019#12420019>)

Courtesan

- Courtesan gets a boutique and a servant at setup, just like regular ladies, and selects Artisan cards each day, just like the regular ladies do.
- If no one shops at the courtesan's boutique, she can ask one gentleman to buy her the item in the window at half price. If he does buy it, it counts as a purchase for the courtesan (for the purposes of "gentleman must buy at least as many items for his lady as he does for the courtesan"). If he chooses not to, she does not get to ask another gentleman to buy it for her.
- The courtesan can select as many items as she wishes during shopping, and presents them all to the gentlemen for payment. Only after they are returned unbought does she have to discard down to three to carry over to the next day. (This is a correction to the English rules, which wrongly states that she must discard down to three before presenting the items to the gentlemen for payment.)
- Gentlemen may give contract bonuses (such as free servants, or elegance stars) to the courtesan.

Gossip

- When you are handed a gossip card from another lady, it stays face up in front of you. You cannot get rid of it.
- You may hand one gossip card to another lady, even if you got to discard one this turn because no one visited your boutique.