What Is Your Idea of Charm?

By ANTOINETTE DONNELLY.

What is charm? Is it a physical quality that may be cultivated as may a lovely voice, a glorious head of hair, a beautiful figure? Or is it an indefinable something allied with things spiritual? A quality that has its root in kindness, in thoughtfulness, in genuine sweetness of charac-

How closely is it related to beauty? How could you define it?

I asked the question of a number of folks who I thought might help to solve the answer of the lovely as-set, and found that in many cases it was more easily defined by the qualities one should not have rather than those a charming person has.

Those Out of the Running. "A slangy person could hardly qualify as a charming one," said one.

An overdressed and highly rouged and artificial woman would eliminate herself from the charm school," said

"An unkempt, untidy person would be out of the running," said a third. "Immediately a woman is spoken of as charming, I see in my mind's eye one who is the quintessence of femininity," said one of the other sex. "In your maddest moments you could not call a masculine type charming. "I think of a low, sweetly modu-

lated voice, a quietness of manner, and a person who is not afraid to put herself out to be pleasant, who does it in a way one is not made con-scious of," was a further analysis of

"It is an ease and grace of manner plus a winning smile. This morning I saw an illustration of it on the car coming downtown. The unaffected but genuine 'thank you' when a man rose to give his scat to a girl. She made him feel he had received a pretty compliment totally devoid of any attempt at flirtation," was still another striving to put into words the clu-

sive quality.

"It is not beauty. Because one of the homeliest persons I know is by far and away the most charming, But she is such a sympathetic, kindly dear, with a good word for everybody and with an ever ready helping hand for anyone in distress."

"It isn't clothes. That's a sure thing," said another. "A woman can be Poiret modeled from tip to toe, and her commonness will kill her. I think it is mentality and understanding in the older woman and girlishness sans sophistication, sans rouge, sans flippancy in the young maid."

Arnold Bennett's View. Arnold Bennett, in his essays on women, says: "I do not wish to wear out a word which everybody understands, but which nobody has successfully defined—charm. I simply mention it and point out that, besides the division of charm into physical and moral, there is a subdivision of moral charm into the charm which a woman exercises un-consciously and cannot help exercis-

strong and overbearing. "Men are accutomed to this charm, and professional women have assuredly shed much of it. But they were thoroughly entitled to shed it, for it should belong properly only to the young. . . . But do what they (professional women) will and leave undone what they will, they cannot lose the essential charm of their sex. And, further, they possess a moral and mental equipment of experience and knowledge which infallibly adds to the range of their charms and which renders their attractiveness permanent.

"For example, their conversation, other things being equal, must have an interesting piquancy. They have general ideas. With them, more conversational material presents it-

He speaks further of the lack of charm in the woman whose conver-sation is insipid. If her class of charm failures is the one who "hogs" the atmosphere with a never ending flow of pointless tales of personal happenings. On her departure one hears instead of "Is she not charm-ing?" "Isn't she a deadly bore."

Getting to the Point. Mental indolence never inspires the complimentary phrase. A person of a pessimistic frame of mind, one who repeats unpleasant things, and a gossipy creature would never be dec-orated with a charm medal,

So, that, as nearly as you can boil down the numerous attempts at analysis of the things, you have lov-ableness of character and a certain

degree of mentality.

And these are qualities which, if not possessed, may be acquired and that without such great difficulty. The former, to be sure, is the more difficult to gain if in one's childhood the principles of thoughtfulness of others were not instilled. Respectfulness toward an older present fulness toward an older person, which is but a branch of thoughtfulness, will create the impression of charm in an observer.

As a simple instance: In a crowded bus recently an elderly woman addressed a little girl occupying a seat with a request that she let her sit down and she would hold the youngster on her lap. The small child shook her head and clung to the seat with no word of command from her mother scated next her to arise. Now you could not in a most

indulgent mood say that either child or mother was charming. But when a child does act on impulse to a kindly act there flits across your mental register, "A charming child, isn't she?"

Here's the Formula. The formula is made up of the same ingredients of kindliness and

thoughtfulness of others for grownups.

The mentality is simply exercising the brain on every possible occasion. acquiring new interests, and thereby

getting away from the petty irrita-tions of life, which, by the way, is the best recipe known for keeping In either case, not hard medicine to swallow, if corrective measures

are necessary-And is it not the nicest compliment of all to be described as charm-

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In other words, do everything in your poor power to make her happy and contented, for she is still more precious than rubies, etc. Housewives who were beginning

to take hope for something like a revival of the old prewar days, when help could be induced to work for \$30 a month, may as well "forget it." Despite the recent rumor of a plentiful supply of servants at reasonable wages, employment experts that every domestic worker has three employers from which to choose. Before the war every employer could hoose from three workers.

Still Has the "Edge." "There is no doubt that the domestic still has the 'edge' on the em-ployer." said Miss Henrietta Rothstein, superintendent of the women's division of the New York state bu-

reau of employment.
"Undoubtedly the servant problem is easing up—but gradually. It is possible to get a general house-worker at a wage varying between \$50 and \$60 a month, although some are still demanding the old wartime salaries, which ran as high as \$80.

"A green girl came to me the other day. She said she would work for nothing less than \$75. "'Are you a good cook?' I asked

'I do plain cooking,' she replied. 'Do you understand how to make tasty, dainty desserts.

"I understand perfectly the mak-

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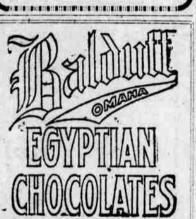
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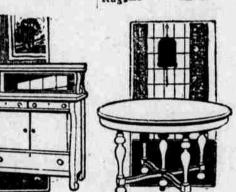
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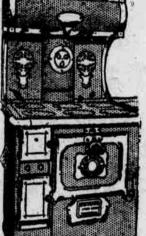
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