"This must be like the forest primeval

"It is," Dicky returned. "New shut your

eyes and take my hand. Don't open them until I tell you."

"But they won't," he retorted saucily.
"But they did " I gasped, looking acros

Dick's kiss. There was no hope of evad-ing the youngsters, however. They scram-bled down from the tree and met us as we entered the grove.

"Did you kiss her 'cause that's the Kiss-ing Bridge?" demanded the small girl. "I guess I did." Dicky answered, smiling

"My papa says," drawled one of the two older boys, brown-eyed lads, who looked like twins; "my papa says you mustn't

I obeyed his whim and he led me a

"Now look," he said, proudly.

The Popular Conception of the Word Is Mere Giving, Regardless of the Sentiments Which Prompt the Action

HAS it ever occurred to you that the I ward "charity" is often misused? know declared with vehemence that he louthed the word!

Yet when we, self-satisfied in our opulence, send a box over for the "boys in the tranches" or contribute a few dollars toward helping the wounded in the hospitals in France, is it not rather presumptuons of us to label it "charity"?

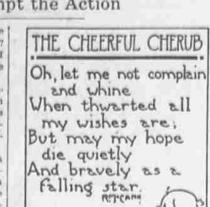
When men amass millions through fraud speculations, then ease their consciences by a few paltry thousands given to this or that "charity" one does become rather weary of such a gross interpretatien of the word.

Merely giving money we can perfectly well spare is not charity. Nor is the gift which is made with the idea back of it of making the recipient "grateful." A gratitude inforced in this way can never be

We hear the word used so much in con nection with Christmas that it is well worth while to stop and consider the real spirit which animates us in our giving.

IN YOUR seal to accomplish that last present don't be cross and irritable in your home, your office or more especially in the shop, where you have been standing for perhaps an hour in a fruitless endeavor to receive attention. Don't imagine that because the saleswoman has failed to notice you she has some personal grudge or is not anxious to do her Every one knows, none better than the girl herself, the more sales she makes the greater will be her value in the firm's eyes. But she is not argus-eyed nor does she possess a sixth sense, and cannot always be blamed for overlooking

works herself into a perfect frazzle over | ceived?



Thristmas, so that when the day arrives she usually spends it lying on her bed with the blinds drawn, suffering from a nervous headache.

Another thing that makes Christmas farce is self-indulgence under the pretense of generosity. For instance, your best and most particular friend has given you an unmistakable hint that she wants one of those good-looking push-buttons of Cloisonne enamel, although she would not think of indulging in such a luxury for herself. You hie to your jeweler's to procure the present for her, knowing full well that she will respond by giving you that exquisite little boudoir clock you had coveted for so long and had delicately suggested to her.

Would you still be imbued with the spirit of Christmas if in return for your more expensive gift you received a simple inexpensive little trifle instead of the I know a woman who, year after year, more prefentious one sent for value re-

THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

Letters and questions submitted to this department must be written on one side of

TODAY'S INQUIRIES

The whiner of today's prize is Miss Joan Campbell, of Haverford, whose letter appeared in yester-day's Evening Ledger.

- 2. What is an "hors d'oeuvre"? An "entree?" | 1. When the hands and feet have been

2. What will prevent the face from chapping in cold weather?

3. How should a club sandwich be eaten?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S INQUIRIES

2. Mrs. N. E. writes that candles if given a eat of colorless varnish and allowed to dry presight before lighting will last much longer and the wax will not drip.

3, "Pigs-in-Blankets" are large systems which have been folded in a slice of bacon fastened with a touthpick, then fried in butter and served

Toothsome Sandwiches for Party

merain about twelve girls in the afternoon and sould like you to suggest. If you will, some andwiches. We all belong to a club and only lave light refreshments, such as hot chocolate, andwiches and candy. I do not care for meat or lattuce sandwiches; if possible, would like some suggestions for cheese sandwiches. SYLVIA.

If you can secure the nut bread (a dark brown bread filled with nut meats), this, cut in very thin alices and filled with Neuf-chatel cheese, will make a delicious combi-

Or failing this, the Boston brown bread, which can be bought in any first-class fancy grocery store, makes delicate sandwiches if filled with the Neufchatel cheese and chopped walnuts.

If you care for the stronger cheese, the Requefort can be beaten up with butter or a little cream and spread between thin slices of white or rye bread.

Candy for Christmas

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—If girls would like to make sandy this le my vey:

Plate oreans—White of one egg. one-half feaspoon vanilla, two tablespoons cold water, we pounds XXX sugar. Beat the white of egg. and to it the vanilla and cold water. Sitr in reducibly enough sugar to make a stirt dough lift into bails the size of markies.

Chocolate graams—Let the balls dry one-half series and put the balls into it in turn. Lift is half out with a fork and place on greaned to harden.

wer to harden.

Allow creams—Open English walnute careregion that the half kernels may not be broken,
as the two halfs into opposite sides of a
phall.

Late creams—Restove the seeds from dates,
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the chapped fruit. Boldonth w. Donorth W.

Heat Hint in Cake Baking

If Raisins Are Liked

Editor of Woman's Page:
Madam—I am cending you a few raisin which I am sure will be appreciated:
In fast—One cup of sugar one-third cup lift, one-third cup chapped raisins, observed cinnamor, one-half teaspoon quimes, one tablement four. Beat of eggs, sweeten for top and bake a page. Two eggs, one-half cup butter, R. two cups floar, one cup chopsed o tablespoons sugar, two tempoons der mixed with floar. Fut in cups merhalf bour hat highly with beer the half bour. Take one tablespoon raising. If date, one tablespoon nut kernels, ut date, one tablespoon nut kernels, ut very line and all to together. Take of the sugar and dough and gala churphed fruit. Boll into belig.

ANNA M.

Spiced Grape Butter Recipe

grace butter. What the grapes romove the skins, asparate the pulp the skins and let them stand over In the morning heat the pulp to the point in a poresist hestle, and a through a colorater Put the d nulp and skins together and measure account. For each five puts addings of brown signr and two inhistent of sizver that changes as hour, and a cup of vinegar, as hour, and a cup of vinegar, as hour, and a cup of vinegar,

the paper and signed with the name of the writer. Special queries like those gives below are invited. It is understood that the editor does not necessarily inderse the sentiments expressed. All communications for this department should be addressed as follows: THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE, Evening Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa.

- 9. How can celery best be cleaned?
- II, When brolling meat in a pan how can it

led and faded to hang at the windows any user can be cut off the rollers, washed, being and used as a covering for an unknir.

2. A woman when talking of her husband should never speak of him as "he" without any other designation. That is, she should never, out of a clear sky, suddenly bring up the subject of her husband and bogin by saying, "He says this or that"; her remarks should begin with "My husband says" or "John says," then she can follow later with the propoun.

 A pinch of powdered alum applied to an ulcer in the mouth once or twice a day or as often as convenient will dry it up; To attempt to advise in such a matter is

extremely dangerous, because the first manifestation of cancer in the mouth is usually a small ulcer. Whenever the least doubt exists, a physician should be consulted,

Games for a Class

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To the Editor of Woman's Paps:

Dear Madam—My husband has taken a Sunday school class of boys ranging from eleven to twelve years of age. We desire to invite the class to our home some evening, so as to draw them closer to their teacher and to set them more interested in Sunday-school work, Will you kindly surgest some way of entertaining them? Do you think it best to send a written invitation to each one's home, or invite them while they are in session at the Sunday school? Also, please give ms a recipe to make candy appies on a sitck. (Mrs.) M. R. B.

Frobably the best way would be to ask them after Sunday school to go to your house

candy appies on a stick. (Mrs.) M. R. D.

Frobably the best way would be to ask them after Sunday school to go to your house some evening. Written invitations always make an affair of this kind rather formal. I think. You will find in different department stores a number of books on games which will give you an infinite variety from which to choose. There is a game called "word building," in which each player is allowed five or ten minutes, as first agreed upon, to go through a book in search of a word inside of which is found another, as, for instance, in "progress" is found the word "ogre"; "itch" is built out of "witch," and so on.

Something calling for more action probably will interest boys of this age. "Hobo's hat" is interesting. Have ready a soft hat or cap—an old one which can be thrown around without injury to its appearance. The players form in two lines facing each other. Sides draw for lead, and when one side has won the person at the head of that line whirls the hat in the air; then the second, and so on. If it falls right side up the division which throw it must remain grave and silent, while the opponents must all laugh heartily. If, on the contrary, it falls lining side up, those who threw it must laugh, while the other side remains sober. If any one player

opponents must all laugh heartily. If, on the contrary, it falls lining side up, those who threw it must laugh, while the other side remains sober. If any one player fails to observe those rules he must be relinquished to the other side. Of course, the side having the most players at the end of the game wins.

Contests with a catch in them are always diverting, and one or two of these may be introduced into a program to trip up the unwary. To play "change places" the players sit in a circle, except the leader, who will start the telling of a story. He should stand. He tells it rapidly, inventing it as he goes, and here and there will introduce the words. "Change places." No attention must be paid to this direction unless to it is added, "Santa Claus is here," when all must jump up and change places. During the confusion the leader endeavors to slip into a vacant chair, and if he is successful the player who is left out becomes the story-teller. To add to the excitement the leader should frequently seem on the brink of giving the sentence, but change it at the end, so that the seem on the brink of giving the sentence, but change it at the end, so that the magic words are not spoken in full. Thus, he might say, "Change places, Santa Claus will come," to which he attention should be paid.

Can any reader supply the regime for

Can any reader supply the recipe for apples on a stick? Proper Frock for Luncheon

Troper Freek for Luncheon
To the Editor of Womon's Page;
Dean Radam—I am a girl of eighteen and have been invited to a luncheon with fourteen other girls. What work is a large ought? I to wear at an affair of this shid? PREDENICA.

A tailored suit with a dressy blouss may be worn but a one-piece freek of taffets or georgetic crope is considered even better. A topocat is worn over the freek and removed in the direction, but the last is kept up at a formal inacheon. Therefore it should not be too tailored.

MY MARRIED LIFE

"Through the Fields to Putnam Manor"

BY THE way, Madge, shall we get some sandwiches and fruit before we start? There's a little shop across from the station. You wait here and I'll go back for

"Nonsense, Dicky," I retorted. "We ate such a heavy breakfast that I know I shan't want agything to eat until late in the afternoon. Are you hungry?"

"I should say not now. But I was afraid you might want something before we get back to Putnam Manor."

"What is Putnam Manor?" "The old inn I told you about, where they serve the best meals in the country. It dates back to revolutionary times. I beve George Washington watered his horse

there."

"Oh, Dicky, how abourd you are!"

"Well, lan't that as much claim to distinction as some of those old places have?"
demanded Dicky. "But, really, this is a
great old place; big house with a glasswindowed tower on top, set in a grove of
beautiful pines. There are rooms, and now
that the summer rush inn't on we can have
our dinner on a table drawn up in front of
the log fire in the great hall."

"What a wonderful picture, Dicky. Are
you sure the place is upon now?"

"Of course. The old landlord, Forsman, is
a fixture there. He has run the place for
years. Bully old chap; regular 'mine host
of the inn' sort of fellow. Lots of the men
I know come down here and stay with him

of the inn sort of fellow. Lots of the men I know come down here and stay with him during the summer. He has his walls covered with drawings the follows have done for him. There are two or three of mine there, I guess. He never takes anything down."
"Dicky! How perfectly thrilling! I know. I shall enjoy this day better than any we have ever had."
"Her make a ludge of antique old Form."

"He's quite a judge of antique, sid Fors-man; regular antique himself, by the way. He spends all his spare cash in fitting up the pince in keeping with its old-time flavor. He has one old sideboard in the dining room he paid \$500 for. In the bar-room, which is exactly like an old taproom of revolutionary times, he has all sorts of old swords and flintlocks and other Colonial It's as good as a museum to see, his

How long since you have been there?" "Oh, early last summer, just before I met you. I have been so busy since then I haven't had time to do any of the things I used to do." He grinned mischievously. "I don't know why I didn't bring you out here last summer at that; wasn't quite sure how you'd like it, I guesa." "SHUT YOUR EYES"

"You might have known I would enjoy anything like that." I returned. "But. Dicky, I really think you ought to go back to the station and inquire whether the place is open or not. Anything might have happened in this time."

happened in this time."

"If that len't slike a woman!" Dicky exclaimed with every evidence of exasperation. "Spoil everything with demands to look up this or find out that. I tell you that place is open, has been for years. Come along through this stile and forget routher for awhile."

your troubles for awhile."

Dicky was evidently bent upon surprising me with some picturesque favored nool of his, so I resolved to ask no more questions until he revealed it in all its glory. We went down the path into the woods, which, hare as the trees were of leaves, had the effect of closing us in.



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kies unless you love them very much. Do you love her?"

"You love ner!"
"You bet I do." Dicky was enjoying himself immensely, but I was mortally afraid the nurse would overhear the conversation. She was watching the children smilingly, but making no movement to come searer us, for which I was devoutly thank-

"Let's divide them," Dicky said, teasingly. "Which two do you want?"
"I'll take the boy with the big eyes and the little chubby boy with the red

cheeks."
And I'll take this serious-looking young-ster and the little girl." Dicky said.
The children laughed merrily. Evidently feet further down the path, then made an abrupt turn, and taking me by the shoulders placed me in the position he wished.

The children laughed merrily. Evidently they were used to good-natured teasing. "You won't take any of us," the little girl said, saucily, "hecause my papa wouldn't let you."
"Come, children," the nurse interposed; "it's time to go home now."
They trotted off obediently and we watched them out of sight.
"What sturdy-looking youngsters!" I said as they vanished around a bend of the stream. I opened my eyes, gave one glance, and exclaimed in wonder; "Dicky! I never saw anything so beautiful in my life!"

At my feet was a brook, with water so clear that I could see every clean pebble in its bed. There was not a weed, a leaf or stick on its surface to mar its clear-

ness. The sun signing upon its ripples gave them the effect of dancing, and as I watched the stream flow swiftly by and heard its murmur I felt that I had seen the nost beautiful bit of nature in my experi-"Well, I guess Tennyson's brook had noth-ing on this, sh, Madge?" Dick's voice broke in on my silent ad-

"Let us walk up as far as we can," I said, enthusiastically.
"That's just what I want to do," Dicky returned. "I know every bend and curve of it. Many a sketch I've made here. Its fine now, but you simply must see it in summer, when the wild flowers are thick "Only a few blocks down here." Dicky medited his watch. "It's just 12. Old orsman serves a noonday meal in the inter time that's one of the most matisfying things I ever ate, and you know I'm a pretty good judge of food. He will have a sea food of some kind, that's a cinch, and long its numberious banks and the woods are green."
"It must be wonderful," I agreed heart-ly, and we wandered along the bank of bet there will be chicken—he raises his

the stream, with its numberless twists and Do keep quiet, Dicky. You make me hungry recounting all those appetizing things."
We walked swiftly down the road bordering the lake until we came to a row of At one point the stream widened and ran under a rustle bridge over which another road wound.
"This is known as the Kissing Bridge,"

cosing old pines. "This is known as the Kissing Bridge," said Dicky, solemnly, and followed the tra-'Here's the place," said Dicky I saw a magnificent old manelon, but to "Dicky!" I reproved. "Suppose anybody

mind it looked strangely deserted. "Dicky, there's no smoke coming out of those chimneys," I said, "Are you sure the place is open?" But they did." I gasped, looking across the road to the grove beyond, where the brook danced its way along. An immense tree with spreading limbs so low to the ground that a child could climb to its branches commanded a full view of the bridge. Among the low branches sat four red-capped, overcoated youngsters, three boys and a tiny siri, the four ranging in "Now, don't begin to croak," returned Dicky, but his tone betrayed doubt, and he

airly rushed me around to the entrance to the building.
On the door there was displayed a large

For rent. Caretaker will show the (CONTINUED TOMORROW)

red-capped, overcoated youngsters, three boys and a tiny girl, the four ranging in age from seven to four. They were looking straight at us, their eyes round as saucers. At first I thought there was no grown person with them, but in another moment I saw a woman, evidently a nurse, walking slowly along the stream. Her back was toward us and I hoped she had not seen. You'll Like Deerfoot Farm Sausage best-the

flavor's so distinctive. Farm at Southborough, Mass.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

How You Can Help Reduce the High Cost of Buying

of the article-was one of the causes of high costs. But there are other practices, too, which have grown to be part of the etail dealer's service for which the con-umer must pay. These factors are the charge" custom and the custom of allow-

"charge" custom and the custom of allowing liberal exchange privileges.

While the "charge account" system has
grown to be one of the ordinary conveniences which we accept from our dealers,
there is no doubt that it is by no means
a commendable custom—either for the retailer or for the buyer. A splendid mother
I know once declared to me that she made
it a custom to pay cash for every item as
she bought it, and her reasons were good
ones.

We wandered on till the fences stopped us, then came down the opposite bank, finding new beauties at every turn.

"I'm starving to death," Dicky announced as we came again to the little lake into which the stream flowed. "Aren't you?"

"I'm fearfully hungry," I admitted. "Is the inn very far?"

"Only a few blocks."

spending money.

"It's my firm opinion that much of the extravagance of which the average American is accused is due to the charge habit. Whatever she sees and likes she orders, because it is so easy to say. 'Send it and charge it, to my account.' If you have to look in your purse to see whether you have enough money to pay for your purchase, you think twice before buying. You have to plan your purchasing very carefully when you know that all your family's needs must come out of the cash you have needs must come out of the cash you have

In A previous article it was shown how the practice into which the stores have been forced—delivering every item, no matter if the cost of delivery exceeded the cost of the article—was one of the causes of the article—was one of the causes of

"But business men do that buying all of it—on a 'charge system," protested etc woman who is a believer in the plan. "A business house doesn't pay cash for its sup-plies. Why should the housekeeper?

But the credit system in business is built on a definite recognized basis. In the first place, the bills which business houses run up at their source of raw material are big ones, and white the percentage of profit may be small, the settal amount in dollars and cents is large. amount in dollars and cents is large because the gross amount of the bill is large. Supposing a retail store orders \$500 worth of goods from a manufacturer? It is us. of goods from a manufacturer? It is understood that they can have thirly or sixty days or even more to pay the bill Suppose the manufacturer prices his wars so that there is a twenty per cent profit on the goods. That \$100 of expected profit in part pay for the credit he extends. In fact, he recognizes this and allows a "cast thereof." of two or three or five per for cash paid.

Now, your retail grocer or dry goods merchant charges you the same price it you pay cash or if the goods are charged. In other words, we must assume that the charge account, in his case, is simply a special courtesy. Competition from stores that sell only on a cash basis usually make it impossible for the dealer to price all his other words, we must assume wares allowing a margin for credit on



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