

TASTES IN PERFUMES

STRONG SCENTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED GOOD FORM.

Some Subtle Fragrance, However, Every Woman Should Convey—Many of Them Are Nerve Stimulants and Healthy.

The first perfume came to us in the flowers. The perfumer, like the musician and the painter, tries to copy nature to please the senses of man.

The first to discover the art of perfumery were the natives of the Orient. Their ancient civilization was not alone responsible for this. These nations cultivate all things which delight the senses. The taste in perfume among various races differs exceedingly.

The first perfume was obtained by burning aromatic gums and woods. The word itself is derived from "per," through, and "fuming," smoke.

Perfumery was studied by the various nations which in turn held the scepter of civilization.

The Hebrews when in captivity learned the art from the Egyptians; the Romans from the Greeks, and the western nations from the Romans. With the fall of Rome the art was forgotten, and was rediscovered during the conquests of the crusaders in the far east.

The excessive use of perfume by refined people in Europe during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries was to counteract the unpleasant odors which abounded in those days.

Women of today display a refined taste in the use of perfumes, while their fore-mothers used musk, civet and lavender.

The progress in the art of perfumery is perhaps the cause of this. The perfumer of today is constantly seeking to wrest new secrets from nature. Hardly a flower grows that has not had its scent reproduced.

Strong perfumes are not considered in good taste in these days. The delicate, subtle fragrance is the one preferred.

Many scents are nerve stimulants and health-givers. Every woman has her glass bottle of lavender salts, so refreshing when tired or suffering from a headache.

France and England lead the world today in the manufacture of perfumes. Each woman chooses her own beautiful scent and envelopes her belongings in it. Garments, laces, notepaper and even books exhale this delicate fragrance.

At present the fad for scent bottles and pomanders, worn about the neck upon long chains, is in high favor.

These are in silver in antique design and incrustated with semiprecious stones.

More elaborate ones of gold duplicate those worn by court ladies during the reign of Louis XV. may be had; but they are rather expensive. Of rococo design and set with jewels, they are wonderfully beautiful.

Pomanders or perfume balls of the seventeenth century are less expensive.

These come in many designs. Gold ones, representing oranges and heart-shaped designs in filigree work, readily allow the scent to escape. Others are small shaped or fashioned to represent English walnuts or tiny spheres carved and adorned with jewels.

The woman who keeps abreast with the times must purchase a scent bottle.

SHOWING TWO IDEAS.



The return of the "Tour de Cou," and a charming hat by Lewis of white moire, edged with chantilly and lined with black moire.—London Madame.

Color Scheme.

A very good color scheme for a living room is in all the varying shades of brown, with now and then a touch of orange to brighten it, says Needlecraft. The floor should be given the darkest shade of brown, the walls a medium tone and the ceiling a cream shade. The furniture of this room could be of the best variety of mission, the rugs oriental with plenty of orange or red in them, and the curtains should have a decided golden tint, as the light shining through them is very beautiful against brown. A touch of yellow might be given in a couch pillow and lamp shade.

New Linings.

The newest linings for top coats are those of the Jouy taffeta. This fabric, with its pretty design, is entirely too effective to be concealed as lining, and is therefore allowed to show itself in the collar, revers, cuffs and trimming. The tints in the Jouy taffeta are quite as soft and well blended as in the cretonnes with which we have long been familiar.

HIS USUAL BAD LUCK

BY JULIA FRYE.

"Yes, of course, I had a lovely time." Julia shook the evening dress that she lifted from her trunk a little vindictively. "You may observe, sister, dear, that this creation doesn't show any signs of hard wear, nor do any of my other dancing frocks. If you'll pardon the trite remark, I have returned home a sadder but a wiser girl. I have learned a few wholesome truths, though I must admit that I found them rather unpleasant at first.

"I'll just give you a little account of my visit to the city and then it won't be necessary for me to point a moral.

"Looking back now, I feel like smiling at the pitiful egotism which led me to half expect a phalanx of young men at the train to meet me. Somehow, I got the idea from the flattering remarks of at least a half dozen of those who honored our porch with their presence last summer and previous summers that my advent in the city would be to them a source of the keenest delight. Strangely enough, therefore, my arrival created not even a ripple of excitement.

"If it hadn't been for dear old Mrs. Gray, there wouldn't have been one friendly face to greet me as I stepped off the train. Even she was fuller of her own affairs than of mine. She said she had some errands to do, and asked me if I would mind going with her to the shopping district. Of course, I said I'd like to go with her, but after we had passed a whole afternoon pricing toweling and kitchenware in the basements of three department stores, I made up my mind that when I wished to see the shops I'd try to go without Mrs. Gray.

"I was glad when we got to her apartment finally, to find that my trunk had come, for I was anxious to put on something pretty for the evening in case there should be callers. I might just as well have taken my ease in the negligee that Mrs. Gray suggested, for our evening together was uninterrupted. I began to think that maybe some of the cards I had sent to my summer friends—summer friends is such a good name, dear, for those careless young men who grace our tennis court and swimming beach and decorate our porch during the heated season—had gone astray. So I decided to call up Ted Harris and tell him I was in town.

"His mother answered the phone. She said Ted had told her that I was coming and she thought he expected to see me the next week. He was so busy socially, she informed me, that he had very little time. Indeed, he was leading a cotillon at the Fort-nightly assembly that very evening.

"I thought Ted's mother rather festive, but the cotillon sounded good to me, and I had a fascinating mental picture of myself moving through the mazes of that delightful dance two weeks later. I remembered how Ted was always decanting upon the perfection of the floor and the beautiful music at his club, and I was sure he would want me to dance there once at least. I was awfully glad my evening gowns weren't in the least bit country.

"Well, to relieve your curiosity at once, let me tell you that Ted called me up the next day and was most cordial. He told me how glad he would be to see me and how sorry he was that he had every evening taken for weeks in advance. That was just his usual bad luck, he declared. But he said I must surely have luncheon with him downtown. I replied that I would if I could, but that my time was very full. He said I simply must squeeze the luncheon in and he'd call me up in a day or two and arrange a date.

"That, my dear, was the last of Ted. I heard from him no more and probably will not again until he appears upon our veranda bright and smiling some morning next summer, amiably ready to enjoy our boat or our automobile or even the early apples in our orchard.

"After I had been in town a week Clayton Rogers called me up and said he'd been trying to get around to see me, but that he was rushed to pieces with business. 'I'd like to get up a theater party for you,' he told me. I gasped with suppressed surprise and pleasure. 'But,' he added, 'I'm going east tonight.' I thanked him warmly.

"The Todd boys called one evening just before I left. They talked of the delights of our country home and told me how eagerly they were anticipating their next summer's vacation. They invited me—now, sister, don't get excited—to walk around the lake with them some cool day next August! Of course, I accepted with alacrity.

"John Boyd actually took me to a lecture and Mr. Slater gave me a nervous shock by inviting me to the theater. But he chose the evening of the day I was leaving the city. John Howard and Mr. Bentley weren't heard from at all.

"I had a good time, though, for Mrs. Gray is active in all sorts of interesting things, and I went to her club and her church and helped a little with her numerous charities and learned a lot. But I think the most important lesson I learned was my true value as a winter friend and as a summer friend. Do you know, dear, I'm awfully glad to get back to nice old Tom, who really seems to like me all the year round!"—Chicago Daily News.

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POULTRY



COMBAT POULTRY YARD FOES

Some Essential Measures Outlined by Expert Poultrymen for Control of Insect Parasites.

Insect parasites are the cause of a great deal of annoyance and loss to poultrymen. Some essential measures as outlined by George M. Turpin for their control are:

Have the poultry houses separated from all other farm buildings.

Have all the interior fixtures of the poultry houses, such as roost-poles, nest boxes, feed hoppers, dropping boards, etc., removed so that every part of the interior can be readily cleaned and sprayed.

Keep a good dust bath to which the fowls may have access at all times of the day. Common road dust with fine ashes and powdered sulphur or air-slacked lime added is excellent. The road dust should be gathered during dry weather for use during the winter.

Spray the coops and fixtures with a good whitewash twice each year, adding two pounds of salt and one-fourth gallon of crude carbolic acid to every 50 gallons of the spraying mixture.

Setting hens should have access to a good dust bath such as mentioned above. If lice are found later on the chicks, rub lard in the feathers of the head and throat, and in bad cases also under the wings.

SHIPMENT OF BABY CHICKS

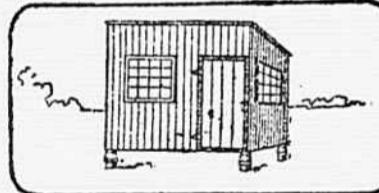
Little Fellows May Be Sent Long Distances by Express Without Danger or Discomfort.

One of the most interesting branches of the poultry business is the shipping of baby chicks hundreds, even thousands, of miles, and yet have them arrive in good condition for further growth and development. By shipping direct from the incubator when the chicks are one day old, advantage is taken of that period in the life of the chicks when nature intended that they should be without food, and they can therefore without injury or discomfort be sent long distances by express under any conditions of climate. Chicks when first hatched require neither food or drink. Indeed, such is harmful. During the first seventy-two hours the chick's life is sustained by the assimilation of the yolk, for the embryo chick is developed from the white of the egg, and just before hatching the yolk is drawn up into its system and furnishes all the food any chick should have for the first three days of its life. It is during this period that chicks can be shipped as far as express can take them.

KEEPING RATS FROM POULTRY

By Inverting Tin Bucket on Posts Supporting House Rodents May Be Kept Away.

If there are many rats in your vicinity it will pay you to make it impossible for them to enter your poultry house. Put a post in the ground for every corner of the house, says a writer in the Iowa Homestead. Invert



Rat-Proof Hen House.

over the top of the post an old three-gallon tin bucket. Set your house on these posts and when Mr. Rat attempts to climb a post and go into the poultry house he simply goes up inside the bucket and does not accomplish his purpose.

HEN MANURE AS FERTILIZER

Has Greater Value Than Any Other Kind Used on Farm—Should Be Well Taken Care Of.

Hen manure as a fertilizer has greater value than any other fertilizer on the farm. It is generally supposed by some poultrymen that the manure will pay for taking care of the hens, but this depends much on how it is kept. The dropping boards under the roosts should be kept covered with some absorbent to preserve the strength of the droppings.

Land plaster or South Carolina rock is good. Never use wood ashes or lime with the poultry droppings. The ammonia or nitrogen would be set free, and part of the value of the fertilizer lost. The droppings should not be applied on a growing crop, or covered soil. Use it on corn by putting a handful on each hill at the time of last hoeing. It should be kept under cover until used.

Killing a Turkey.

The proper way to kill a turkey is to tie its feet together, hang on a pole, then cut the throat and allow to bleed freely. Dry pick, leaving head and wings on. After picking, dip in hot water and then in cold. This will give the skin a fresher look.

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