

COSMETICS.

The love of beauty is as universal as the love of life. From the earliest times to our own, in every tribe and nation the art of personal adornment has been held in honor. Purifications, dressings, baths of milk, of wine, of oil, of rose water, by maidens and matrons of old, to beautify or restore their physical charms. We read that Esther was a year in accomplishing the days of her purifications, "to wit six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors and with other things for the purifying of the woman." Before she was presented to the royal presence of King Ahasuerus.

In our time we cannot turn a newspaper to ride a dozen pages in the city without having our attention drawn to the approach of old age, making ugly faces, showing, showing back to those in the face and yellow hair the semblance of Spring time. There are lotions for removing freckles, blains for rendering the skin clear and smooth, paste for extending wrinkles, corns, and other blemishes. India ink for imperfect eyebrows, white for putting the soft down of the peach on a dull or a shiny skin, and yet, with these numerous "infallible" beauty producers how is it there are still so many hopelessly plain people in the world?

Doubtless there are methods by the use of which every shape and every face may be made heavenly and divine, and we are quite certain that whatever will improve beauty in the forms and faces glorified spirits will produce it to a greater or less extent.

It is not our purpose to re-advertise the cosmetics with which our readers must be already familiar; they are not infrequently produced, and to which they are applied, and even in some cases lay a foundation for insanity. Our cosmetics shall be limited to those that are taken internally, and whose effects cannot be easily removed. Our lily white and carnation are poor against perspiration and cold water, our lotions contain no bismuth or antimony, our "bloom of youth" makes genuine roses bloom on the cheek of December.

To render the skin clear and soft, bathe the entire body daily, if possible, in water of the temperature most agreeable in its effects upon the bath. Cold bathing is injurious to many people who are benefited by a bath in tepid water in a room of moderate warmth. In every case it is best to bathe in the morning, and to bathe in the evening, and then cover according to the season, always wearing clothes enough to keep the body comfortably protected when away from the fire. Bat temperature, avoid hearty suppers, concentrated dainties, such as rich puddings, pastries, and cakes, which are too rich for the system, and which are too rich for the system, and which are too rich for the system.

To give expression to the eye, cherish as the Lutes and Pontes of the soul a love for truth, for the divine beauty visible in all the world around us for heavenly charity, for whatever is noble and just, and in the nature of things imperishable. This will give luster to the dull eyes and set up a new light in the face of God's own altar.

To give an erect and graceful carriage, live with a high aim and of noble purpose. This aim may be but to make the heart nearest you supremely happy; the purpose—to lift it by all the ministry of suggestion and love nearer and the faithful ideal. It may have a wider range and a larger scope, looking toward the elevation of the degraded, the education of the ignorant, and the comforting of the afflicted. Living for one's self stamps the bearing with an impress from which everybody shrinks and turns away.

To perfect the shape of the hand, every member by long and lonely toil, employ it much in aims giving and in deeds of mercy. This will shape it into a halo that will conceal mishapen joints, efface labor strains, straighten crooked fingers and make them tapering and rosy tipped.

To clothe the whole person with attractive grace, cherish an abiding faith in the goodness and mercy of God, and cultivate a warm and active love toward all men. Charity covereth the multitude of defects.

Can any in whom all these cosmetics have perfectly wrought be other than divinely beautiful and altogether lovely?

er strings are tuned first, they relax when the greater strain is brought to bear in keeping the heavier wires up to pitch, with the effect referred to above. Many tuners do not carefully note the condition of the frame of a piano, and adopt their treatment to the demands of the case, with full knowledge that a bent, weakened, or very old frame will not stand the extreme tension or sustain the strings at the high pitch which can be put upon and borne by a frame and wires which have never been strained through ignorance or neglect, and bear no special marks of time or use.

There are very few pianos, and those of the best description, that will stand at concert pitch. The piano manufacturers advise purchasers to have their instruments tuned by representatives of the respective factories from which the pianos are sent, as they are aware of the terrible ordeal through which the instruments must pass at the hands of tuners of every degree of intelligence and ability. It is but a fair presumption that the light of an instrument ought to have how to tune it properly and without injury to its most important parts; yet there are, comparatively, very few persons who profit by the well meant advice, an impression prevailing in some minds that the suggestion is not entirely dissipated, as the makers charge \$2 for tuning, while professional tuners and the music stores ask but \$1.50, and some of the Bohemians but \$1. But were the matter fully and generally understood by the owners of pianos, they would consider it greatly to their interest, even in the light of an instrument, to have their instruments tuned by parties in whose hands there is the least possibility of accident or injury.

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