



WOMEN OF FASHION.

DO THEY ABUSE THE USE OF COSMETICS? AN OPINION WELL WORTH STUDYING. SOME STARTLING STATEMENTS.

Harper's Bazar in a leading editorial, says: "An American woman past thirty who has kept the bloom and brilliancy of her girlhood is almost as rare as the dodo."

"In this extremity it is not strange that women look to cosmetics to repair the ravages of climate and custom, and that the use of these hazardous allies is rapidly increasing."

"If it were only a question of money wasted and folly enlightened it would not be worth while to preach upon this text, perhaps. But probably nine out of every ten of the cosmetics in market are positively harmful. White lead, bismuth, arsenic and other powerful poisons are the usual base. They impart for a time an artificial bloom, always followed by a darkening and coarsening of the grain of the skin. The habitual use of arsenic in pills, wafers of solution results in the disturbance of the circulation, a weakening action of the heart and not seldom in paralysis."

NOTE.—These are startling statements, and should cause every woman to ponder well before she uses any preparation on her face, where the chances are so great of serious injury following such use. There seems to be but one woman in America who has thoroughly tested cosmetics, and succeeded during her researches in finding an emollient which is absolutely beneficial. Of course our readers will imagine at once that we refer to the Recamier preparations, which were first used by the famous beauty Julie Recamier, the secret of which is now owned by Mrs. Harriet Hubbard Ayer, and which are manufactured for sale by her.

We admit that the Recamier preparations are all the vogue; that Adelina Patti, Mrs. Langtry, Mrs. James Brown Potter, Mme. Modjeska, Sarah Bernhardt, Clara Louise Kellogg and many other such experienced ladies have abandoned all other preparations and only use the Recamiers, because we have seen letters to Mrs. Ayer from them declaring such to be the fact. But it must be borne in mind that they are not strictly cosmetics, such as are referred to above, because Mrs. Ayer has given her word of honour that they contain neither lead, bismuth nor arsenic, and she pub-

lishes a statement from Prof. Stillman, of Stevens' Institute, that they contain nothing but that which is allowed by the French Pharmacopœia. There can be no doubt that a woman whose face is tanned, sunburnt, full of pimples, those disgusting blackheads or other imperfections which are caused by our mode of life and the exposures to which we are subjected, must certainly be more or less repulsive, if not absolutely disgusting.

A woman who permits her complexion—her most important feature—to indicate uncleanness must expect such results. The most ignorant and even deformed woman in the world is attractive to men if she has a beautiful complexion and looks tidy, and the only articles so far discovered and which are used by every woman of fashion are the Recamier preparations.

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