

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN BEAUTY ARE COMPARED

Decision of One Who Acted as Judge in Two Beauty Competitions—The American Girl Has an Instinct for Dress—English Women Said to Lack the Balance and Pose—The Eye Follows the American With Pleasure as She Walks.

(By *Idia Kingsmill* commander, staff correspondent Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)
London, Oct. 29—(By mail). The American woman knows how to make the most of her natural beauty, the English woman does not. That is the decision of Mr. E. O. Hoopes, the artist and photographer who has just returned to England after having acted as judge in two beauty competitions that have been interesting America and England alike.

"The American girl enhances any natural beauty by her instinct for dress," he said. "She is influenced by

Paris. Even the poorest girls make the best of themselves, and you find yourself seeing beauty in all types because of the excellent general effect.

"The balance and poise of the American girl often give an impression of beauty where there is no actual regularity of feature, and this poise is perhaps rather lacking in many of our otherwise lovely girls. I know some English women of exquisite features who, if they possessed that balanced air so common among Americans, would rank high as beauties.

The Gibson Girl.

"As for types of beauty there are many in America, not one only. Once upon a time the 'Gibson Girl' stood for America. Any one with a tip-tilted nose long neck, pretty chin and hair fluffed up in front was dubbed 'American', but it was really only one man's expression of a woman he admired in his own country. The tip-tilted nose is really of French origin, that glorious fair hair is Scandinavian

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and all so-called American women are, to my mind, only representative of various races which have settled in America.

"Beautiful many of them are, most undoubtedly, and few men have had a harder task than that allotted to me to say that five—five only out of the thousands who sent in their photographs—were really more lovely than all the rest. Should I compare 'American beauties' with English 'roses' I should have to drop national boundary lines and deal with dark and fair, tall and short, slim and round; for England versus America, where feminine loveliness is concerned, will not be a fair fight until the 'type' has really evolved across the Atlantic.

Classical Standards.

"One of the first things I refused to do over there was to judge by 'classical' standards. We have new standards for loveliness, and judged by these, the English girl is second to none. Our dark beauties may not have the sparkle and vivacity of the South American but there is a dreaminess in their eyes which is very attractive.

Talking of 'peaches', nowhere have I seen the peachlike bloom of the fair English girl's skin. The fair American has a clear, 'snow-maiden' look about her, and some have light hair with quite dark skins, but that velvety quality of skin, that deep gold of the hair is something absolutely English.

No one can deny, of course, the perfect rhythm of the American girl's movements. The eye follows her with pleasure as she walks. Her feet are well shod and her ankles neat, but she has not the subtle curves of the English maiden, nor that delicate turn of the ankle, that 'exquisite reserve' of the foot which Browning describes so aptly.

"The figures of both the American and English girls have lost the stateliness of old. They are Dianas, even Atlantas, but no longer Venuses. There is a swiftness about them which sport and the modern life have given. One competitor who sent in her picture had actually posed for the famous 'Diana of the Chase', in the New York Museum of Art.

"The so-called American type of girl is non-existent, American beauty is of many types and therefore it is impossible to compare the American with the typical English girl. But I particularly would like our English women to learn a little more of the value of impression created by balance, poise and dress, for they have all that makes for beauty in themselves, but they do not always know how to make the best of themselves, as American women undoubtedly do."

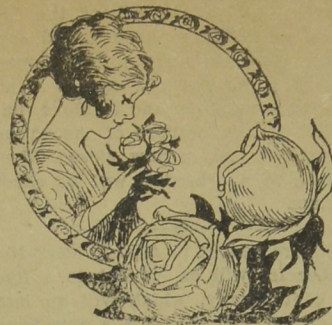
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS ARE ATTRACTIVE

(Special correspondent of C. A. N.S.)

London, Oct. 27—By Mail—Nothing is more attractive than a flower in the right place. This, with the beautiful artificial flowers which are now made, is increasingly recognized and a flower or bud is fixed in every possible position.

This autumn it is rather in the blend of color on color that most originality is displayed. Evening dresses are hardly complete without a wreath of flowers around the head or a band of them circling the waist. Wreaths may be of shimmering gold or silver; flat flowers and fruits of velvet are also used widely.

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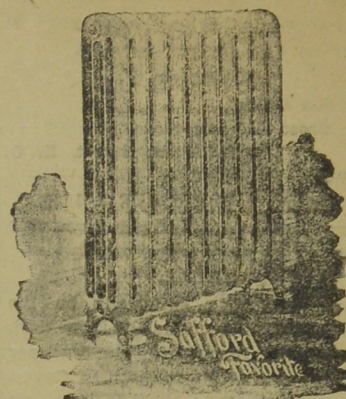
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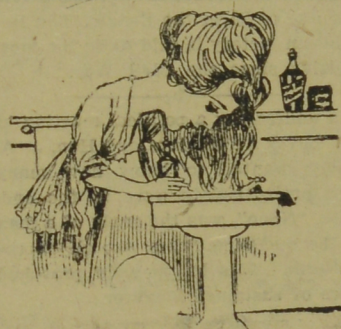
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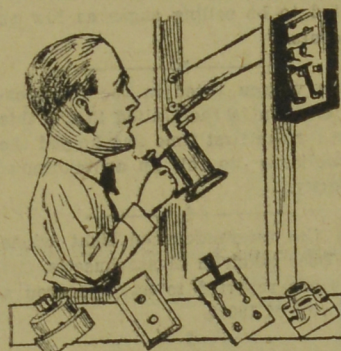
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