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ILLUSIONS

by *Priscilla Johnson*

When I was a child,
I had a real craving for
Lip pomade and Evening in Paris perfume.
My daddy forbade me to wear lipstick
(Even though pomade wasn't really lipstick).
Mother said I didn't need that cheap toilet water.
Anyway no one I knew could afford to buy real perfume.
So I would go to the Five and Dime store
And look but not touch.

I knew that if I could just buy these items of beauty
I would be somebody
Somebody glamorous.
Say, have you ever smelled that perfume? ■