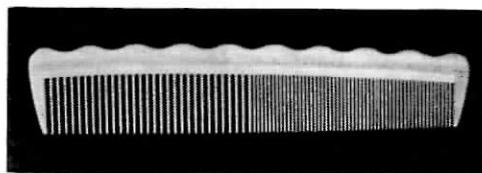


Left: powder puff
of swansdown. Right:
the "Starmist" spray



Above: Nuroid comb
with fluted back by
Aberdeen Combworks



The fittings are also made of plastic, and there is sufficient room in the bag for a small powder compact, lipstick, purse and handkerchief.

Another product which is now being produced in a handbag size and is designed to add beauty to the hair, is "Starmist", which is made by Steiner, of 66 Grosvenor Street, London W.1. "Starmist" is a cosmetic which can be sprayed on the hair to give coloured highlights. It comes in "Gold 22", "Gold 9", "Sheer Copper", "Copper Leaf", "Silver Light" and two new colours, "Pink Orchid" and "Misty Lilac", which have been added to the range this year.

A great deal of thought goes into the production of a comb for the smart woman's dressing table or handbag today. The Aberdeen Combworks Co. Ltd., Hutcheon Street, Aberdeen, have recently brought out two very interesting new designs. One is their "Nu Lustre" perfume comb which discreetly perfumes the hair as it combs it. It is very simple to operate. The end of the comb is removed and an absorbent pad inside soaked with perfume and then replaced. Both the pad and the comb itself are easily washed.

The second innovation is a comb with a handle which forms a sheath. It is undoubtedly a useful article, as the comb folding into the handle prevents any dust or powder which might be lying in the lady's handbag to collect between the teeth.

The Aberdeen Combworks Co. Ltd. have been established over 140 years, and have a large export trade extending from the Fiji Islands to Iceland, including Pakistan, Malaya, Singapore, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Africa, British West Indies and Canada. All these regions have their own particular preference in the type of comb and the material from which it is made and the firm is careful to respect these individual requirements.

Another firm who pay particular attention to hygiene where their range of combs is concerned are E. R. Holloway Ltd., of 28 Hyde Way, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. Each of their "Hy-Light" combs which are made of high acetal is individually packed. The "Hy-Light" comb has particularly well-made teeth, which are made to polish the hair as it goes through the comb. The teeth are rounded at the ends to provide stimulation for the scalp without scratching it.

Home hairdressing is becoming very popular, and manufacturers are now producing implements that will assist the woman who cuts her own hair. Champion (Scissors) Ltd., of 78 Hoyle Street, Sheffield 3, manufacture the "Kumfi-Kut" home hairdressing scissors, which are made of high carbon steel, with rounded safety points, and finger rests.

A new pair of scissors that is designed primarily for thinning the hair is made by Surgical Manicure Specialities Ltd., and distributed by the Hair Culture Co. Ltd., 133, High Street, Beckenham, Kent. The object of the product is not only to allow women to thin their own hair, but also to cut waves into it. The scissors have $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. curved blades with 15 teeth on each blade. One blade incorporates a small V-cut in each of the teeth, while the teeth on the opposite blade have chamfer edges.

An industry in this country which has expanded enormously since the war is that of making swansdown powder puffs. These puffs were previously imported into Britain, but now the industry can meet the home market and also export a considerable number to countries abroad. Manufacturers of these powder puffs are Francis Thornton and Roberts Ltd., 17 Colebrooke Row, London N.1.

An essential addition to a woman's handbag is a well-designed and functional powder compact, and a wide British range is now being exported all over the world, many of them of a very high standard of workmanship.

Kigu Ltd., of Waldo Works, Waldo Road, London N.W.10, have been specialists in this field for a quarter of a century, and have pioneered many novel and unusual designs. Last year, for instance, their creation included the "Flying Saucer" compact and the "Cherie" heart-shaped series.

This year they are presenting in addition to their existing range, some 70 new shapes and designs. Foremost among the 1952 models are the "Oval" shape compacts, one type of which is made in a variety of gilt, engine turned patterns, or black enamelled finish.

Speaking of overseas business, the sales manager of Kigu Ltd., told the "B.T.J.": "Our export trade turnover has increased six-fold since 1946. More than 12% of our 1951 output went for export and our markets include practically the whole world with the exception of the countries behind the Iron Curtain."

Searchlight Products (Engineers) Ltd., of Searchlight House, 159 Bollo Bridge Road, Acton, London W.3, are producing a new compact and lipstick combination. The lipstick is secured by a spring, making it a simple matter to use lipstick case and compact at the same time. The compact has an engraved and engine-turned design, and each set is in a silk moiré bag.

Searchlight Products also make a mignon vanity filigree mirror, with petit point embroidery, specially designed to fit into a handbag. They are now working

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