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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? ■