

# Dressing a Little Girl's Hair

*The right way is so simple it is certainly worth learning.*

Glycerine possesses in a high degree the property of extracting the fragrance of flowers. Put into the glycerin the leaves of any flower you wish, and by leaving them there a week or two the agreeable odor will permeate the whole. Pour a few drops of this into the rinsing water and the effect will be highly satisfactory. Perhaps no child in New York has a prettier head of flaxen hair than little Irene Truax of No. 204 West One Hundred and Twenty-first street. Four years ago her hair was shingled close, but it is now down to her waist again. This luxuriant hair is not a gift of heredity, but the result of her mother's patient care. Now, this care chiefly falls upon Irene's sister Louise, who, for the benefit of many little girls who do not know how to look out for their hair, tells what she does to keep Irene's curls in such good condition: "I break an egg into a saucer," she says, "and rub it thoroughly into the hair. Then I rub the egg well into the scalp. A thorough wash with soap and warm water and a tiny bit of borax follows. Then I wash it again without putting soap in the water, but using instead another egg and a little spirits of ammonia. The rinsing comes next. This



NO. 2. THE SOAP SHAMPOO...



LOUISE TRUAX... SHAMPOO AND RINSING...



NO. 5. DRYING WITH THE HANDS & RUBBING ON BAY RUM...



NO. 6. FANNING THE HAIR QUITE DRY...



NO. 7. AFTER THE COMB THE BRUSH...

Another safe preparation is to dissolve half an ounce of transparent soap in a quart of soft water, add a wineglassful of alcohol and a few drops of perfumed oil, shake well and set aside for using. Perhaps the most common shampoo of all is simply to put a teaspoonful of borax into a quart of water; or, mix a tablespoonful of the best olive oil with the same quantity of spirits of ammonia, add half an ounce of glycerin and pour all into a basin of soft water. A pleasant shampoo, especially for the little ones, to keep ever ready, is a mixture of two ounces each of glycerin and New England rum in a quart of bay rum. After the use of any of these liquids the hair should be thoroughly washed in clean warm water. Use a fine tooth comb, but be careful not to irritate the scalp. If a hair oil is desired perfumed glycerin can be used with always pleasing results.

time there is nothing but ammonia in the water. Last of all is a rinsing in absolutely clear warm water. When the hair is too oily I use a little bicarbonate of soda. "The drying should be carefully done. I take a bath towel, one of the big, soft kind, and rub the hair till seemingly every particle of the water is absorbed. Then I fan the locks till they are quite dry. I end by rubbing into the scalp some softening lotion such as bay rum. Sometimes my sister's hair is so fluffy that I use a little of the perfumed glycerin. In the first combing I use nothing but the comb, not taking up the brush till the tangles are all out." CYNTHIA WESTOVER ALDEN.