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Recipe for Perfume

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Association to the situation had been used. The young man had related his financial embarrassment with being on relief (a situation which is often joked about.)

The third objective regarding a sense of humor is to be "quick on the draw." Set that old gray matter of yours to a little fast thinking when an embarrassing situation is taking place. Then at that momentary lull, when nobody seems to be able to think of anything to say, put in your prize comment of the evening. To train yourself to do this, think through past experiences and figure out what you could have said that would have helped relieve the tension which embarrassment brought. Or for awhile, until you get to be quick enough at witty comments, try to see how you can devise an appropriate statement when an embarrassing situation takes place. Do this to yourself until you gain enough confidence to make a debut—then surprise your friends with your sense of humor.

Rules Say "Smile"

Now you're all set. You have the rules, so put a smile on your face and go out and try them. You'll have plenty of opportunity to test your new acclaimed skill because life is full of embarrassing situations.

Remember, the next time you step on your date's foot by mistake during a dance don't tense up or stammer around for an apology. Laughingly comment, "Another of Murray's latest dance steps, you know." You're bound to get a grin in return instead of an annoyed glance.

PERFUME that fits your personality is yours for the making. It's potpourri, a fragrant mixture of rose petals and spices that can be mixed by you, to be like you. Keep it in a pretty jar on your dresser, and open it often to sweeten your room and invite comments. Or make a potpourri to give as a gift when you're looking for something really new and different.

The basic recipe calls for 10 cups of rose petals. They're easy to collect if you solicit the aid of your friends. They'll be glad to give you their corsages and bouquets instead of throwing them away. Dry each bunch of petals you collect, and store them in a box in a dry place until you have enough.

Add to your 10 cups of petals one-half ounce of ground cloves, cinnamon and allspice and 3 ounces of orris root for a fixative.

From here on, you're on your own to make this potpourri personally yours. Sniffing periodically, add any combination of:

- dried mignonette
- jasmine
- rosebuds
- scented geranium leaves
- rosemary
- marjoram
- bay
- violet
- sandalwood sachet
- floral cologne
- any fragrant flowers and foliage

Remember to keep the rose smell dominant.

When you find a combination that suits you, enclose the mixture in an attractive, well-stoppered jar. The next time you raise the lid, your room will be filled with an aroma that is your creation.

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