

PERFUMES, AND TOILET ARTICLES.

"Sabean odors from the spicy shore
Of Arabia the blest."

As Tiffany & Co. among jewelers, or Arnold, Constable & Co. among dry goods dealers, so is the firm of H. P. Wakelee & Co. among druggists and perfumers, and a visit to their well-appointed establishment will furnish proof that this reputation is well earned. Among the many novelties introduced by this firm none have so rapidly assumed the highest position in popular estimation as the well-known "Camelline." A prominent physician of this city some time since called the attention of the firm to the great injury to health caused by the various preparations in use for the improvement of the complexion, nearly all of which contain large quantities of lead, mercury and other active poisons. A series of careful and expensive experiments were at once instituted for the purpose of discovering a substitute for these objectionable compounds, and the success which has crowned their efforts will be appreciated when it is stated that "Camelline," as shown by chemical analysis, is not only free from the least trace of poisonous material, but is generally pronounced far superior to any article heretofore in use. The great desideratum of safety and efficiency is thus attained, and ladies will find in "Camelline" an article exactly adapted to their requirements. Another preparation which has met with great favor is the celebrated "Aureoline," manufactured by this house, identical in composition with that of Robare, of London, and surpassing that article on account of being freshly manufactured, thus presenting its peculiar properties in a more active and efficient condition. As our lady readers know, a few applications of Wakelee's "Aureoline" changes the hair to that sunny golden hue, the theme of poets and an object of admiration to all lovers of the beautiful. Among the endless variety of toilet soaps displayed by this firm, one brand, in our estimation, stands preëminent. It is the "Savon Royal," from the manufactory of Eeckelaer, of Brussels, celebrated in Europe for its delicate perfume, the odor of the natural flower, and for all the qualities desired in soap for toilet use. Wakelee's Extra Cologne, although not new, demands attention, from the fact that *connoisseurs* in perfume claim that it equals in purity and permanence the famous colognes of Farina. Certain it is that many of the first families of San Francisco have for years used no other cologne, purchasing it by the gallon, while bottles of the various standard sizes in which it is sold are found upon the toilet tables of many of our city belles. Scarcely less popular are their satchel powders of varied perfumes, among which we noticed Musk, Jasmine, Violet, Heliotrope and Jockey Club. Among the large stock of hair and tooth brushes from the well-known Gosnell & Sons, and Prout & Harsant, of London, are to be seen some beautiful carved ivory brushes, mirrors and toilet sets, imported from Paris. Although this firm has long been noted for the success with which they cater to the refined tastes of their customers, by far the most important department of their business remains to be noted. We refer to their arrangements for the importation of pure drugs and chemicals direct from the leading manufacturers of the world, their extensive chemical laboratory for the manufacture of medicinal preparations, and the care used in dispensing upon physicians' prescriptions. Their books show that they have thus prepared since the establishment of their business over two million prescriptions, and we doubt whether there is another house in the United States having a similar record. Like all old Californians, we have long known this firm, and we say to those among our readers who desire anything new, rare and elegant in the way of toilet articles or perfumes, and those who appreciate absolute purity of material and skillful dispensing of medicines, to call upon H. P. Wakelee & Co.