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Versatility of camellias is demonstrated on these pages. Increasing use of the breath-taking blooms for accessorizing, wearing apparel makes a few knots in order. They are home-grown costume jewelry.

An air and a flair are just as important as a corsage pin if you would wear camellias properly.

In the past, corsages were generally looked upon as indicative of special occasions; and, unfortunately, this led most women to wear them self-consciously, to confine their movements in an awkward manner, all designed to preserve the flowers. Then along came the fad for the versatile camellia, which looks equally well with sporty sportswear, suits and evening dresses, and a new casual approach to the art of wearing flowers.

Camellias go anywhere from early morning to late in the night, depending entirely on the way they are arranged. For a simple sporty dress, a single blossom in the hair is charming; just as one perfect bloom pinned on the shoulder of a suit goes shopping on Canal street or to lunch in a smart restaurant. For afternoon and evening, larger masses of blooms are suitable. A fur muff, or large, important bag, makes a perfect background for their beauty. Pin them by wearing another on your dress, or shoulder, or if you are daring, half hidden in a bateau back. The possibilities for evening wear are limitless—conventional corsage fashion, high on the shoulder to prevent crushing while dancing, a braid for the hair, a braid of long camellias daintily coiled with velvet ribbon, or even a cluster of blooms for a decolletage dress otherwise unadorned. Hair swept atop the band is best for the last. If you are the romantic type, and use your hands gracefully, carry one huge camellia and use it as a bouquet of your faith, for pure witchery.

Camellia bouquets framed with lace and tied with streamers are favorites of debutantes and, of course, matrons alike. You know your wardrobe and you know your own best features. Use camellias to point them up. But when you wear the flowers, fasten them securely, preferably with the stems pointing down, and then artfully forget about them. That’s the air and flair we recommend.

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