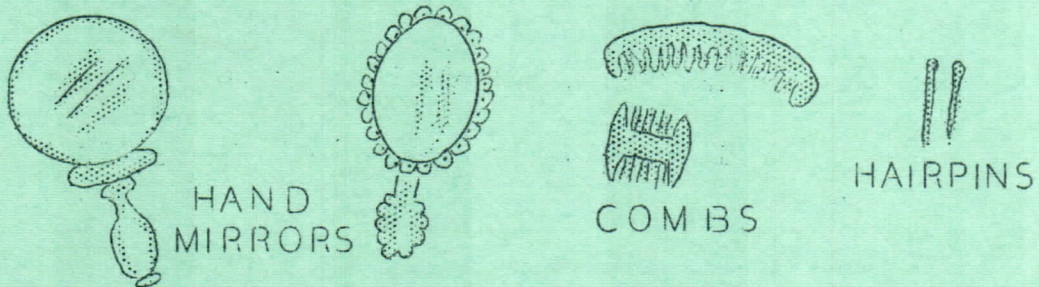


HAIR OF WOMEN

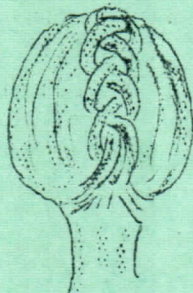
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The women in the land of Jesus let their hair grow long. Mary's hair was very long. After she anointed Jesus' feet she wiped them with her hair. (See John 12:1-3) The women often braided their hair.

The women had mirrors. They were not like our mirrors. They were a piece of smooth brass. The brass was polished so that a woman could faintly see herself in it. Archaeologists have found mirrors like this.



A woman put oil and sometimes perfume on her hair. In the time of Jesus, women braided their hair. A woman seemed to lay a large braid up the back of her head.



TURN CARD OVER

Peter knew that a woman could get so interested in her hair or her clothes she might not think about anything else. She could also go to extremes, pay high prices and dress so she did not look natural. She could spend so much time on her dress, she was no use to her family of God. Don't be too concerned about this beauty on the outside. This kind of beauty depends on clothes and jewelry, and braided hair. Be beautiful on the inside - in your hearts. This is the kind of beauty that is precious to God. (See I Peter 3:3) This the kind of beauty that will make others want to believe in Christ.

Look at Psalm 45:13. There is a group of girls that take its name from this verse. Can you find it? Where is this girl beautiful?

Do you remember when the children of Israel made a special tent where God would be in their camp. They called this tent the tabernacle. The people had to bring gifts of all the materials needed to make the tabernacle. Many women brought their little brass mirrors. Moses used these mirrors to make the beautiful bowl that held water. It was called the laver. Every woman who saw it must be glad she gave her mirror!