

Then, Now & Later
(past, present, future)

"Dressed up" for Grandmama meant ^{slipping on} pink or white Belk's cardigan ~~slipped on~~ over a cotton sport dress ^{knit dress at Easter} with a ^{beach} reach at the throat & a pair of faux pearls ^{carrying} if she was feeling especially fancy. And those shoes -- those square toed shoes with the block heels had to be the appropriate color for the season: black in winter; white in spring, ~~black~~ ^{black} in autumn. ^{Same} God help the woman who walked into church with block shoes after Easter. line
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She owned one box of Tussy face powder her whole life; she wore the ~~same~~ same shade of pink lipstick for forty years. She kept an emory board by her wing chair in the living room; ~~she went to the beauty shop~~ that & her blue bottle of Nivea lotion which I learned ~~after~~ ^{what I had attributed to a grand motherly smell.} ~~She went to the beauty shop~~ every couple of months for a ^{trim} perm and ~~to get~~ the starch-water ^(blue) bluing applied to her gray hair. Exercise was walking up the lane to the mail box and back.

I remember going to Florida with her when I was a child, and ~~see~~ staying overnight in those ^{Swan Court style} motels, and one of how ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~came back from the bath room~~ ^{she looked when she took out her teeth} without her teeth!

(I wake up usually about 20 pounds I've gained -

*diet
fat grams
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Japan*

I start my day with 2 glasses of water & shampoo, blow dry. I shower, I shave my legs & under my arms -- I shampoo, blow dry. I take vitamins. Every third day I scrub my face with

table salt & Ivory soap; just as every third day I exercise on my Fitness Flyer. I have ~~perforated~~ my feet, I have ~~perforated~~ my hands. I have

every six weeks I go to the beauty shop to have my hair highlighted. I have the highlight job touched up and every 3 months I have the highlights highlighted which involves having a hard thick, flexible rubber hat pulled over my head & hair snatched thru the holes with a crochet needle. I want a similar to so plain how I look, but can't find one. My beautician asked suggested I dye my eyebrows, I said I'd do it if she'd do my hair color. I said I'd do it if she'd do my hair color.

make up here (read bit from Carolyn)

I brush my teeth twice a day because I was not paying attention when I went for my dental checkup last year & the dentist suggested grinding away my front teeth & bonding them now I'm afraid they won't stain; I floss them at night, then put on Retina on my face, all except for the area between my nose & my top lip where I put a strip of Scotch tape to prevent wrinkles.

those packaged I take 2 benedryl tablets to sleep because I know a little sleep is to be rested for the next day when my beauty routine will start all over again.

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My five-year old granddaughter is spending
the night. I ~~must~~ hear her getting up. Then
I see the light from the hall coming across
my bedroom as she opens the door. She is
Her light brown hair is ^{is} humped up, ~~is back from~~
~~where her head~~ She is sucking her thumb.
Her green eyes are ~~wide~~ stretched, curious,
as she stops at the foot of my four-
poster bed. ~~It~~

In a minute, she comes around to my
side of the bed I climb up. She crawls under
the cover, facing me close. ~~But~~ Still sucking
her thumb I study up the tape above my
upper lip.