



Put Best Hand Forward If You Want It Kissed

Is your hand kissable? Kissing the hand seems to have suddenly become popular, judging by a news magazine's decision that hand-kissing is news in this country.

I have long maintained that if one other thing besides dumping your basic black and pearls makes you feel and act like a woman, it's hand-kissing.

Kissing your hand is a good gentlemanly approach to a woman by a man, elevating you in his eyes and in your own estimation. It shows both a respect and a pleasure to both parties indulging.

As in anything else where men are concerned, except work and politics, you must take the lead. Nothing annoys me so much as to have a woman pump my hand in introduction as though it were

an antiquated pump handle. Offer the back of your hand to the gentleman if you wish him to kiss it; how else, if he has never had experience, will he know your desires? Far too many of you, I note, when being introduced or greeting a man reach out for his hand as though you were a fighter aiming for the solar plexus.

Were I to want to kiss your hand, the far-out reach and the drag upward would have me out of the mood before I could complete the act. Him too.

Raise the hand to within kissing distance. Do it gracefully, not like a left jab to the jaw. But first things first; make your hands look attractive enough to create in a man the desire to caress them with his lips.

Your hands need oil, oil, and more oil. When you're sitting around doing nothing—and all of

you have hours of that at home—rub oil into your nails, fingers and hands thoroughly.

If you're a heavy smoker and have nicotine stains on the fingers, use a slice of lemon for bleaching them or a diluted household bleach if they're particularly difficult. Apply hand oil immediately afterward.

Your nails tell a great deal about you to me and him. If they are broken or you have difficulty growing them, use this Count Marco secret beauty tip: Twice a day, early in the morning and late in the evening, give your nails a coat of super sealer. Add each coat directly on top of the former application.

Once you're convinced you are in kissable shape, practice putting your best hand forward in the most kissable manner. You'll feel like a brand-new woman, and isn't that as good a reason as any to start? Of course it is.

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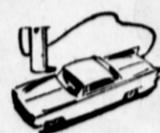
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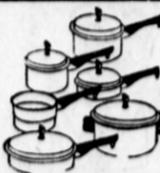
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