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developed *Pera Magnifique* (\$1,500; 888-888-1757), a serum with the active enzyme telomerase. It literally wakes up your skin cells and stimulates your body to make new ones just as it did when you were young. After the first night, the skin feels baby-soft and plump from the inside. As tempting as it would be to use it every day, *Pera Magnifique* is said to be most effective when used for 30 days twice a year. It doesn't bill itself as the fountain of youth, but it's the closest we've come.

On the other hand, *Miracle Serum* (\$150; 888-243-8529) by cosmetic dermatologist **Steven Victor, M.D.**, can be used daily. Apply it over makeup to prevent creasing and diminish fine lines. The serum is recommended to be used in conjunction with Victor's *Bio-Nutrient Luxury Cream* (\$400), which has a reputation for giving wearers luminous glow and tighter skin tone.

The *Elixir d'Himalaya* (\$70; 33-4-20-13-02-11) by **Les Formes de Marie Beauty**, a spa retreat in the French Alps, has not yet caught on in the U.S. market. The 21-day serum treatment, made from Himalayan apricot kernel oil, has an invigorating effect because of the apricot, madagascar rose oil, Alpine sedwens extract, and tonying Nepalese rhodiodeadon.

