

Pocketbook Is Important Accessory to Fashionable Costume

Wrist Bags That Also Serve as Portable Toilet Cases Combine Beauty and Elegance of Design With Utility



MORE than ever before the pocketbook is to be an important accessory to the fashionable costume during the coming season. Time was when the pocketbook was a tiny, impracticable affair, shaped to hold small change and a few visiting cards, and carried in the palm of the hand; in those times there were many lost and misplaced pocketbooks, for if mildly but loosened her grasp for a moment, the better to match a sample in a shop, or for any other convenience, the pocketbook stood a fair chance of getting left behind. To carry any considerable sum of money about in such a pocketbook meant a continued mental strain and worry, particularly for the absent-minded woman.

Going even further back into the history of the pocketbook involves going into the history of the now all but extinct pocket itself, for the grandmothers and great-grandmothers of the present generation combined the two, having special pockets placed in the linings of their skirts for the reception of small change, powder-puffs and such other trifles as all-important to femininity ever since the evolution from fig-leaf days.

With the coming of the streetcar, however, and the attendant necessity of swift diving after nickels, the coin pocket in the underskirt, and even the long, bag-like affairs that used to be swung into the placket seam and distress all observers by an aptitude for yawning open unpicturesquely, began to wane in popularity. Women turned to larger pocketbooks and began to eliminate the pocket itself, which had formerly been burdened with handkerchiefs, memoranda, market lists and everything else except actual coin, which was religiously carried in the purse.

Out of the combination purse and card-case grew various forms of the enlarged pocketbook and then there followed strange that so obvious a convenience



had not been thought of before) the wrist-bag and pocketbook with loop handles to slip over the wrist. In this form femininity has solved the problem of the pocketbook and portable toilet-case, combining beauty and elegance of design with practical, common-sense utility. It has only remained, for the past few seasons, for the manufacturers to produce novelties and variations of design, all fashioned after the same general plan—and this season the offerings seem to have reached the very height of artistic beauty and practical convenience.

From the extensive stock of a local establishment, which carries the most ex-

clusive things in leather goods, The Oregonian has selected the "leaders" which are scheduled for the coming Spring and Summer, the pictures being shown above. Quite the newest thing out, and as an illustration of how far the pocketbook and wrist-bag may go in point of size, is the big, cavernous motor car bag of patent leather, shown in No. 8. The interior, which is lined with the softest and finest of chamolite, has numerous compartments into which are fitted a complete toilet-case, with inside pockets for card-case and purse, which are shown separately from the bag. With such a well-equipped handbag the fair

motorist need have no fear of wind-blown hair, dust-grimed complexion or other casualties to personal appearance attendant upon a brisk spin to country place or other social rendezvous; besides, with the loops of this smart bag swung from the gauntlet of her motor glove, she has the satisfaction of knowing herself to be the possessor of the very newest and most swagger of motor accessories.

The most distinctive feature of the new pocketbooks and handbags is the metal handle. The smartest articles are of the very finest leathers, such as pig-skin and elephant-hide, with rings or circles, handles of fine metals. Two of the "leaders" are shown in No. 2 and No. 7, the first of which is a seal leather bag of golden brown tone, with ring handles of gold. These handles are large enough to slip comfortably over the wrist and the bag itself is large and commodious, with compartments and lining in heavy, prettily-toned silk. No. 7 is of elephant's hide, in the peculiar blue-gray tone, with fittings and clasps of gold and hand-made gold scroll. Types of these bags may be had at any figure from \$15 to \$50, and if one desires to spend more, gold monograms will bring the price up a few notches.

No. 4 is a beautiful design of pig-skin, with purple linings in the flaps and gold handles and clasps. This style of pocketbook hovers around the \$25 mark. A dainty little novelty bag is that shown in No. 1, which is of fine leather plaited fine and with strong stitings. One of the prettiest novelties in stamped leather is shown in No. 6; the leather is in a sea-green tone, with raised leaves in dark green. That the patent leather bag is still in the running and appears in the new styles is illustrated in No. 5. With simple gold clasp and its always dressy appearance, the patent leather bag is certain of a goodly share of popularity.

No. 3 shows a smart bag of alligator-skin, of generous size, and with another variety of metal handle.

changes in the paragraph, fearing that to alter it in the least degree would create the impression in the public mind that the church has removed the ban.

POSTMASTERING A PROFESSION

POSTMASTERS come and Postmasters go in the United States. It used to be a political scandal, this turning out of Postmasters when the other party got into power or even when another faction of the same party got control of the Congressional District. Things are better now, we are told.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DESIRES NO CHANGE IN AMUSEMENT BAN

Young People's Society of Methodist Church Satisfied to Let Paragraph of Discipline Stand.



Rev. J. W. McDougall.

NO change in the paragraph on "worldly amusements" in the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church is desired by a large number of members of the Epworth League, the young people's organization of the denomination, in the Oregon Conference. A petition, bearing more than 900 names, and representing numerous chapters throughout the four districts in the conference, has been secured by Sunnyside chapter. This document will be forwarded to Baltimore tomorrow and will be presented to the General Conference by Rev. J. W. McDougall, one of the delegates from the Oregon Conference.

While the Portland Methodist Ministerial Association went on record as desiring only sufficient alteration to eliminate the specification of certain forms of amusements forbidden by the discipline, the members of the Epworth League signed up more than 900 strong against any change whatever, and petitioning the General Conference to retain the paragraph intact.

since were prepared and circulated by a special committee of Sunnyside Chapter of the Epworth League, composed of Hugh C. Krum, Carl J. Hollingworth and Letitia Densen, and required a large amount of work. In addition to seeking from each chapter in the Oregon Conference signatures to the petition, the committee laid the matter before the

Portland Methodist Ministerial Association, with the request that favorable action be taken. The ministers adopted a resolution calling for a revision by the General Conference, not to remove the ban from "worldly amusements," but simply to eliminate the specification of the words "dancing, card-playing, theater-going," etc., now contained in the paragraph. They held that it would be wise to have this change made to simplify matters, as they stated that there are forms of amusements not enumerated, but which are equally as bad, and that a general rule applying to all harmful pastimes should prevail.

The remarkable feature about the petition secured by Sunnyside Epworth League chapter, however, is that the 900 members who signed it ask the General Conference to make absolutely no

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The result has been that across the Northern border postmastering, if one may coin a word, has become a profession, like the law and medicine. If, by some mischance, a Canadian postmaster should lose his job, he would be hard put to it to know what to do for a living, for he has been trained to but one thing.

To take an example: When the Dominion of Canada assumed its present political form—the act of union was passed in 1867—the town of Moncton, N. B., still had its first postmaster, who had his patent, or whatever document confirmed him in his office, direct from the Queen of England. The Dominion appointed him postmaster, and he was postmaster until his death.

But long before he died he trained his son to the business of running a postoffice, and his son naturally succeeded him. That son is the present postmaster, and he is growing gray in the service. When he, too, passes out, no doubt some other member of the family will take up the work.

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