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FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—ETHNOLOGY

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Field No.

Provenience: Polynesia-Western Samoa, Savaii Is.,
Tuasiui Village

People or Culture: Samoans

Object: coconut shell purse

Material: coconut shell, sennit fibers, paint

Description: Coconut shell purse is painted dk.
brown and lacquered, has 3 orange hibiscus
blossoms, 2 buds and leaves with 1 stylized wht.
flower design painted on. 4 pointed star shape
is cut out of coconut at top to form lid of
purse. Lid attached by fiber cord thru 2 holes
in lid and hole at each side. Cord is looped
to make carrying handle.

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Dimensions: height 17.0; diameter 17.0.
(in cm.)

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Collection: Gift of Miss Florence J. Mikowski
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