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

People or Culture: Samoans

Object: coconut shell purse

Material: coconut shell, paint, sennit cord

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

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Dimensions: height 16.0; diameter 17.5.
(in cm.)

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Collection: Gift of Miss Florence J. Mikowski
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