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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, paint, sennit cord

Description: Purse of coconut shell, painted and lacquered dk. brown 3 lg. orange hibiscus blossoms, green leaves and lt. brown and white stylized floral diamond design. 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 looped and knotted for carrying handle. (See collection notes.)

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Dimensions: height 17.0; diameter 17.5.
(in cm.)

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Collection: Gift of Miss Florence J. Mikowski
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