

Lightship Basket Handbag Is Woman's Status Symbol

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NANTUCKET (AP)—The status symbol of this noted whaling island is a lady's handbag.

The lightship basket bag is known as Nantucket mink by husbands. Made of cane with a hand-carved ivory motif, it must be ordered a year ahead and costs more than \$100.

Jose Reyes is a Filipino who has taught English and earned a master's degree at Harvard. He put a lid on the famous lightship basket made since whaling days, turning it into a pocketbook.

Reyes sits in a bamboo-walled shop adjacent to his home, surrounded by baskets, bags, split-cane and tools, and ladies pleading for earlier deliveries.

"Sometimes a man orders one, because his wife refuses to go to

the yacht club or somewhere without a basket," Reyes says. He is always sympathetic but nothing can be done unless someone neglects to pick up an order. That seldom happens.

He has made 4800 of the baskets in 15 years. Some women collect them. The current rage is for a smaller, cocktail or tea-size oval handbag.

Reyes' wife marks the basket bottoms and polishes them. Local artisan Nancy Chase makes the delicate carvings—sea gulls, birds, sea horses, whales—for the basket tops.

She has carved polo bears for Alaskan customers, and is currently at work on a giraffe for an African visitor.

The idea for the basket bag occurred to Reyes when he visited his mother-in-law in 1947. He

loved the island and wanted to settle. Yet despite his impressive college degrees and military background, he was unable to find a teaching job.

Having learned weaving as a boy from his Methodist minister father, he made some basket bags on old molds; oval, round, and in different sizes. When his family began to have a difficult time making ends meet, he put some of his baskets on a table in front of his home. The crowds gathered with money in hand.

Lightship baskets were originally made by the coopers who made whale barrels. Later men who operated the lightships made them to help while away the lonely hours at sea. Fifty years ago the Navy halted this practice, however, because the materials were a fire hazard.

Woman's World

Because The Battalion wishes to be of service to the women of College Station we will set aside one page of our newspaper each Thursday for stories and pictures that we hope will be of interest to the women of our university community.

However, in order for this to be a your page, it will be necessary for you to keep us informed regarding the activities of your clubs. The Battalion encourages wives clubs, sororities, civic groups or any other organization to call The Battalion office at VI 6-6618 and keep us up to date with your activities so that we can plan to publicize them ahead of time.

In Russia is a hard cover volume of 245 pages published in 1959 explaining in detail and illustrating step-by-step how to make clothes for men, women and children. It also outlines what accessories should be worn, how to set the hair, etc.

Child's Toy Maker Started By Making Coats For Dogs

By JOY MILLER
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Mrs. Marjorie Moyer has stacks of pleading letters from gift shops lying unanswered at her home in Tully, N. Y.

She started 15 years ago making dolls and cloth toys for her three children. Since then Moyer toys have become works of art collected by adults. But Mrs. Moyer says:

"I make them for youngsters. I wish I could give them away to all the children who need them. As it is, I prefer to place them personally, to give them in the right places. That's why those gift shop letters don't get answered."

Mrs. John Ezzo of Canastota, N. Y., mother of five children needed extra cash. After talking with her mother, who runs a pet shop in Albany, she started making coats for dogs. Now Ezzo-

clad dogs are among the most sartorially elegant canines.

In Brooklyn Mrs. Mildred Abel's husband was about to retire and she wanted to do something to bring in extra income. What was this grandmother's solution? Making high fashions colored terry aprons has developed into a good business.

These are only three of the many New York women who have made a success of homegrown business.

Mrs. Moyer, a small, dark-haired woman with a gentle smile, says: "If you find an idea that's new and different and has something of yourself in it, I don't know what is, but people will knock at your door."

Mrs. Moyer's particular mouse-trap—handrafter, imaginative character animals and dolls—stems from her years of art training. She's a talented painter and sculptor and exhibits often. But so many of the enterprising entrepreneurs the New York State Women's Program brags about have had no particular training for their business.

"We don't take credit for their success," says Guin Hall, deputy commissioner of the state's De-

partment of Commerce and of the Woman's Program.

"Their own determination and imagination have it. But the free counseling ice provided by the program whether it came at the beginning or at some interim when expansion or new marketing methods were needed probably saved needless expense as well as providing attention that made progress easier."

"Sometimes what we just the encouragement to continue when things seem bleak."

At the recent New York Exposition at Syracuse a Woman's Program booth just how effective the personal business counseling has been.

Here are some of the makers displayed:

Men's neckwear designed by New York City woman the idea from making buttons from dress fabrics for her band.

Pillows with sport subjects such as check book covers, ring and cigarette cases, mother of two pre-school children.

Ceramics. Decorated cutting boards.

Handwoven hangings, grasses and pods. Spaghetti sauces, developed a "secret" home recipe.

Chocolate lace candies. Wooden serving trays with sets of plastic layered over dried leaves and flowers.

Alice in Wonderland puppets dolls by the mother of three children and wife of a professor.

Floor Length Skirt For Adults, Do

First Lady Given Oxygen During Flight

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Jacqueline Kennedy needed a whiff of oxygen Wednesday on the last leg of a jet liner trip that brought her to Athens for a 15-day vacation in Greece.

Wary, the American First Lady asked for the oxygen and received it from a small, portable tank while the plane was cruising at 29,000 feet.

Nevertheless, she was smiling broadly as she stepped from the plane ramp at Athens Airport, kissed her sister, Princess Lee Radziwill, and greeted waiting officials and friends.

Only a short time before the landing, Mrs. Kennedy had retired to her special berth in the first-class section of the Trans World Airlines liner for the oxygen treatment.

The purser warned other passengers to extinguish cigarettes. Oxygen is an inflammable gas.

A stewardess who gave Mrs. Kennedy the small tank said the First Lady herself explained she was very tired. Actually, only a small amount was used, the stewardess said.

Koufax struck Barry Bright, the ninth strikeout of the World Series.

Kids don't need to swap mothers' dresses or wait they have achieved at least a deb status to wear long anymore.

When Mrs. John F. Kennedy started the long dress tradition one that reached way to the pre-school crowd, a floor length skirt steadily back from young adult, to pre-teen, until now counterparts are in them.

For the at-home bid ending at a mud-pie barbecue floral-printed moomus. It is a birthday cake and fruit tails occasion brocades and are in order.

The floor sweeping idea extends to pants with culottes in velvet, and satin-sashed jump suits.

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