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⚙️ **LIQUID PLASTIC** in a golden color is designed to apply to metal fixtures and objects in the household and impart to them the appearance of gold. Applied by brush or spray, the coating forms a non-porous shiny, impenetrable, quick-drying, long-lasting, protective surface.

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⚙️ **SUITCASE CARRIER**, a two-wheel collapsible affair with harness to hold a luggage bag, weighs about one pound and can be quickly attached when needed. Adjustable to bags up to 10 inches in width, the harness and angle-shaped end holders grasp the bag at opposite corners.

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⚙️ **UKULELE PLAYER**, a plastic device which fits over the neck of any standard instrument, eliminates complicated fingering and makes learning to play easy. The player device is a bridge over the neck in which are six buttons, each of which when pressed plays a complete chord.

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⚙️ **RAIN BAG** for a baby, shown in the picture, is zipper-closed but has a hood with drawstring closure. Made of waterproof plastic in blue or baby pink colors, the bag is ample in size to hold an infant wrapped



in a blanket. The durable plastic used can be cleaned with a damp cloth.

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⚙️ **ACCESSORY PACKAGE** for night fishermen contains a gasoline lantern bracket to fit all oar locks, a reflector, a lantern

lighter and two live-bait fishing lures. The bracket permits the lantern to be swiveled 360 degrees as needed. The reflector is aluminum with a high-reflective finish.

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⚙️ **SERVING FORK** for the dining table has a tiny pusher plate between the tines to remove food from them. The plate in this newly patented invention is on the end of a rod that extends through the center of the fork's handle and is manipulated by a finger.

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⚙️ **MOP-AND-WRINGER** combination is designed to ease the job of floor cleaning. On the handle of a mop much like the ordinary household kind is a casing containing rollers for wringing. The wet mop is moved through the rollers by pulling its handle. It is a device recently patented.

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⚙️ **COIN-HOLDING BRACELET**, a recently patented invention, consists of a series of holders, each designed to hold one coin. Coins are engaged beneath a lip and held in place by a spring. The bracelet is ornamental, inexpensive to make, durable and practical.

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## Do You Know?

Liquefied petroleum gases are now used in cigarette lighters.

In the past 20 years coffee consumption in the United States has almost doubled.

In a single year, there are never more than five eclipses of the sun, both partial and total.

Corncob pellets, made by grinding the cobs, are successfully used as filler in making a light-weight concrete.

Oysters are good to eat any time of the year but they are fatter and more palatable during the so-called "R" months.

Only 14 states in the nation permit vehicles wider than eight feet on streets and highways except under special short-time permits.

American oil companies have some 156,000 miles of pipelines to move crude oil and finished products; movement by pipeline is the cheapest form of land transportation.

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