



If it looks fake, it could be real

By RUSTLE SHAND

Do the very rich really sip soda through a gold straw? Do they drink Coca-Cola from a gold lined silver soda glass, probably not, but they're liable to hve such objects of pop art around the house as conversation pieces. And, if one of their favorite drinks happens to be the "uncola" drink, Bulgari has also reversed the

design, upending the "Coke" glass and engraved it "7-Up."

Nor, for the most part, do the really rich send solid gold engraved postcards in suede envelopes while their yachts lie anchored at posh, international ports of call. But, for \$5,000, you must admit, such trivia does make an interesting conversation piece.

These are some of the least expensive items Bulgari brought to Detroit

for a showing to benefit the Michigan Opera Theatre. Noting that the Sept 29 season's opening opera will be "The Pearl Fishers," Bulgari also brought a case of pearls.

However, none of these single strands are the variety we associate with a little anniversary gift or the uniform strand the girls at Vassar wore with their cashmere sweaters. The Bulgari pearls take your breath away. If they accidentally popped, as pearls are wont to do, you'd lose at least a thousand dollars per pearl as they roll off into oblivion.

It strikes me that the responsibility of wearing fabulously expensive real gems is rather like taking a museum quality automobile out on the Lodge expressway during rush hour; or, leaving a new Lincoln in a parking lot with the keys in the ignition.

THE INVITATIONAL showing on the Bulgari collection took place last week in the penthouse suite at the Somerset Inn in Troy.

Two uniformed security guards were posted in the foyer off the 14th floor elevator and another guard stood inside the room between the case of coin jewelry and the pearls.

At one o'clock in the afternoon, however, the room was buzzing with jewelry experts busy writing orders for customers who were seated amidst trays of diamond rings, watches and gold chains. In the background, a table covered with coffee cakes and metal coffee urns stood unnoticed.

Who were the customers? That's top secret information but I didn't recognize any famous people. What did the

women look like and how were they dressed? They looked just like anybody else on a early fall day.

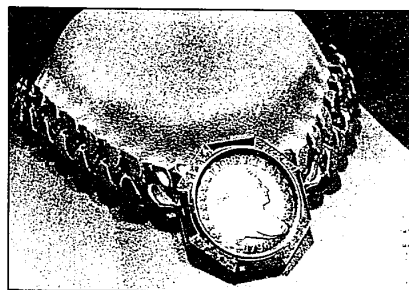
"THE ART of appreciating very, very fine jewelry such as that designed and produced by the Bulgari family is limited to a very few people in the world," said Kate Adams of the firm's New York office.

Ms. Adams confided that dentists are her favorite people because they really appreciate the fine gold inlay work. "I love to have dentists come to our shows because they go crazy over the gold work they really understand it."

The showcase jewelry is, for the most part, heavy and ostentatious. It looks very much as if it should be worn by King Arthur or some such relic from the past. Gold chains designed to be wrapped around the neck proved too weighty for one customer who said after wearing a chain for a few minutes, "this makes me feel so weighted down."

But, as Ms. Adams said "Bulgari has something for everyone—from a single precious gem stone to something very ornate." Ms. Adams also explained "We have everyday jewelry for about \$2,000, which you can wear all the time."

One glance at the collection revealed that Bulgari specializes in investment jewelry. One piece, which belonged to Czar Alexander of Russia, is an emerald ring that retails for \$1 million. The ring was nestled in a showcase surrounded by pearls and a very rare matched \$400,000 collection of jewelry made of star rubies, star sapphires and cat's eyes.



Some gold chains, such as this one inlaid with an antique French coin, prove too weighty. The average person would be hard pressed to spot the real Bulgari pieces from costume jewelry.



One glance revealed that Bulgari specializes in investment pieces such as amethyst cameo that once belonged to Anna Thomson Dodge. It has been reset in a pendant necklace mounted with diamonds, turquoises and amethysts. (Photos by Dick Kelley)

fashion calendar

Monday, Oct. 9

Lord & Taylor — Rosina Raymond, former president of The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, will guide a search and discovery session entitled "Your Ancestors and You" at 9 a.m. in the Fairlane store.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Lord & Taylor — Your handwriting tells a story about you. Discover some interesting facts about yourself when Florence Dussier, graphology expert, conducts a session called "The Handwriting on the Wall" at 9 a.m. in the Fairlane store. Also at Fairlane Joyce Moore of the Detroit Institute of Art will present a slide show dealing with how the artist sees himself. It's from the self-portrait collection at the Institute. Begins at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Lord & Taylor — Anne Featherstone, Greenfield Village Associates, will dis-

cuss the little known facts about the 100 year heritage of china head dolls at 9 a.m. in the Twelve Oaks store. In addition Mary LaSpada, cooking director at the Lakeside store, will show you how to create homemade soup. Delicious samplings are available. Program is at 9 a.m. in the Lakeside store.

Thursday, Oct. 12

Jacobson's — The Don and Jane Wolf holiday into cruise collection will feature whisper-light clothes that brush coolly against the skin and are a delight to wear. A wide array of hand-painted prints and solid colors will be modeled for at-home or evening wear. Fashions shown from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13

Lord & Taylor — The Detroit Institute of Art presentation by Joyce Moore depicting the self-portrait of an artist will be given at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake-

side And at the same time at the Twelve Oaks store the "Wok's Happening" demonstration by the chef from Ah Wok will describe this Chinese form of cooking.

The J.L. Hudson Company — Triskai Disco Fever, a giant disco party will be held at Hudson's Warehouse, located at Madison Ave. and Brush, for the benefit of the Music Hall Center. Special guests will include Disco Bonnie and celebrities from WJBK-TV2. Tickets for the party are \$10 per person and must be ordered in advance through the Music Hall Box Office, 963-7680 or Hudson's ticket service.

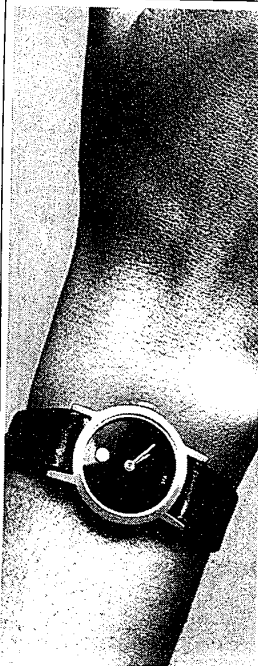
Saturday, Oct. 14

The J.L. Hudson Company — Guest speaker at the Part IV Formula for Living series will be Roberta Roesch, teacher, lecturer, and author of Money, Jobs, and Futures and "There Always a Right Job for Every

Woman". Ms. Roesch will be lecturing on career strategies. Tickets for the lecture are \$17 and are available at the Revlon counter at Hudson's Oakland store or by calling 223-1204. A portion of this fee, \$5, is applicable toward any Revlon merchandise purchased. Lecture is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. today.

Sunday, Oct. 15

The J.L. Hudson Company — Discovery Days Sale begins at Hudson's and continues through Oct. 23. Four 10-day trips for two to Monte Carlo will be awarded. Winners will be selected at a drawing to be held Oct. 30. Entry blanks will be available at all stores during the Discovery Days Sale.



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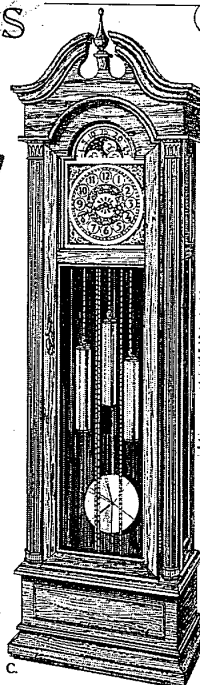
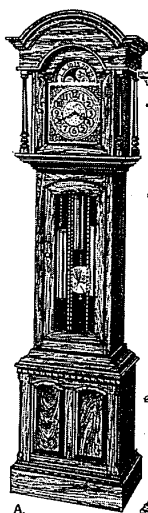
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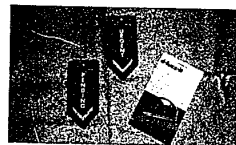


Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

Getting clipped

Assuming your desk gets as cluttered as mine, you would be wise to zoom over to Oogie and pick up a pack of these Le Clip organizers (\$1.50 per pack). Each plastic clip is six inches long; the white one says Today; the yellow, Tomorrow; the blue, Pending; and the red, Urgent. Should you know someone about to celebrate a 16th birthday or about to take a trip, Oogie sells packages of little wooden candleholders shaped like cars, boats or airplanes that would be adorable for adorning the top of a cake. Another nice item is D-Puzz-It (\$1.50), a comb that brushes away fuzz from napped, woven or knotted fabrics. Oogie, 3630 W. Maple at Lahser, Birmingham, 647-0760.



On the rocker

A tisket, a tasket! This green or yellow or red or blue printed fabric-lined basket cradle (\$39.95) would be a terrific gift for a newborn baby. Made of natural-colored soft palm, the basket is 30 inches long by 16 inches wide. Two sturdy handles make it easy to carry from room to room or to put in the car. The cotton lining is trimmed with white eyelet and ties onto the cradle. A matching comforter is included. The Basket Shoppe, 2666 Coolidge, Berkeley, 545-0505



Swept away

Nowadays, a fireplace broom is more than just a utilitarian object. The same is true of feather dusters. Both are made in such attractive designs and colors that they have become decorative as well. Slades has a wonderful assortment to choose from. The brooms range in price from \$1.75 to \$5.50. (My favorite features chocolate brown colored jute wood around the top portion of the fine straw bristles.) The bamboo-handled feather dusters (\$2.50 to \$5) come in your choice of solid black or burnt orange or a mixture of beige, brown, and rust or fuchsia, kelly green and golden-orange feathers. Slades, 32710 Franklin Road, Franklin, 626-6080.



Under current

Over this all is Under-It-All, a new designers' boutique. Among the things you'll find there are these pretty camisole tops that are great to wear under a blazer or with a satin skirt or tuxedo-style pants just like the fashion models do. The pleated version (\$18) features lace and ribbon straps and trim and is available in cocoa brown or dove gray. A matching petticoat is priced at \$28. Another version (\$16) features deep-scalloped lace appliques and is available in peach or platinum. Its matching petticoat costs \$26. Under-It-All, 32710 Franklin Road, Franklin, 626-6080.

