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Share This In this article Deborah Norton traces the rise and fall of this seminal 20th-century school. Although Bauhaus policy revolved around personalities and philosophies, it nonetheless embarked on an influential experiment of incorporating the principles of art with the economies and practicalities of design. In formulating his ideas, he was influenced by famous workshop precedents, including that of William Morris, leader of the British Arts and Crafts Movement, and the Deutscher Werkbund. In , the Deutscher Werkbund was founded in Munich, a society of manufacturers, architects and craftsmen dedicated to raising standards of designs for industry. This new post gave him the opportunity to put his ideas into effect. In the Founding Manifesto, using medieval references worthy of a disciple of William Morris, he wrote: He envisioned a team of men and surely women, as one-third of the students were female who would work independently, although in close cooperation to further a common cause, as craftsmen in medieval times worked together to build cathedrals. To Gropius, architecture was the culmination of all the crafts, so it followed that architects must undergo craft training before they could begin to design buildings. All students took an initial six-month preliminary course, followed by a three-year training program in a craft workshop. Only after completion of the workshop training would a student be qualified to take the architectural course, which was not formally taught at the Bauhaus until several years later. Lambert Fund Because of the previous separation between art and crafts, Gropius found it necessary to hire two masters for each workshop, a technician to teach craftsmanship and a fine artist to teach form. One of the first hired, Itten, a fine artist teaching in Vienna, developed and taught the preliminary course and was appointed form master of the ill-equipped metal workshop. Itten believed that art should be the expression of personal vision and emotion communicated through geometric forms. To Itten, these forms were historically and conceptually primary in the creation of art. Spheres, cubes, cylinders, and cones—or segments of them—became the basis for objects. Contrast, also stressed in the preliminary course, was achieved by juxtaposing opposite forms, such as circles next to squares. Ornamentation, always geometric, played an important role in these early pieces, giving personal expression to otherwise austere shapes. A container by Lipovec made in is typical of this period. Here the lid of a rectangular box is surmounted by the top half of a sphere. Surface ornamentation takes the form of circles applied in horizontal, parallel lines. Ganoksin is sponsored by Metalwork produced after showed a change in style. At this time there was a general tendency in modern art to move away from an emphasis on overall compositional rhythms to a greater concern with the articulation of individual forms. This change is apparent in the work of Itten and his students. Pieces from this period are constructed element by element in an architectonic manner. In one anonymous teapot a truncated cone serves as the foot, with a sphere for the body and another cone for the lid. A whimsically shaped handle is the only ornamentation. Finding a qualified craft master to complement the form master at the metalshop proved to be a problem. The first two hired, Willy Schabbon and Alfred Kopka, lasted only a short time. It was not until Christian Dell was hired in that this workshop was able to achieve some stability. It is known that Dell was an experienced silversmith and a gifted teacher. Prior to the War he was at the Wiener Werkstatte in Vienna, producing holloware in an avant-garde, geometric style. Coincidental with his arrival, surface ornamentation in the metal shop was abandoned. Historian Hans Wingler gives Dell little credit for this or any other change, stating: Wilhelm Wagenfeld and Karl J. Gift of Philip C. Ganoksin is sponsored by Although the slogan was new it was consistent with ideas Gropius had espoused while a member of the Deutscher Werkbund. Perhaps he had sidelined these ideas in the early Bauhaus years in favor of teaching hand craftsmanship because he felt that only when the latter was mastered would a student be capable of creating high-quality industrial designs. It is unlikely tht he ever envisioned hand craftsmanship as an end in itself. Efforts would now be devoted to designing for industry. Not all the masters felt comfortable with this new direction. Moholy brought with him a belief in Constructivist philosophy, which emanated from the Russian avant-garde and Dutch De Stijl movements. The stress on

formal precision, objectivity on formal precision, objectivity and rationalism would eventually prove to be highly compatible with machine production. Years after the Bauhaus closed, a design by a former student that used a non-geometric curve, elicited this response from Moholy: We have fought for simple, basic shapes, cylinder, cube, cone and there you are making soft forms which is dead against everything we have always been after. He was also concerned with balance and weight displacement. Their geometric forms create profile that clearly define the space they occupy; each element is conceived as a distinct part, yet the relationship of one to the next is equally important; and contrasting shapes and materials create tensions that are resolved by close attention to proportion and balance. Ganoksin is sponsored by In a particularly fine German silver coffeepot by Wilhelm Wagenfeld made in , a spherical body is placed on a small cylindrical foot. This same cylindrical shape reappears as the neck and is topped by a hemisphere for the lid. A strong profile, contrasting forms and balance achieved by centering the weight makes this piece typical of holloware produced under Moholy and Dell. In the same time period student Marianne Brandt made a small teapot that also uses a sphere for the body. However, this necessitated a unique solution for the appendages. The lid is made from an oblique slice cut out of the top of the sphere. The foot is composed of two thick strips of silver crossed at right angles, with the spherical shape of the body cut into the tops of the strips so the pot can nest securely without visually interrupting the sphere. The flat half disc that is the handle contrasts with the rest of the piece. Brandt also made a series of teapots using the bottom half of a sphere as the body. The lid is a thick disc placed towards the edge of the flat top surface. Contrast is heightened by combining various materials; she often used bronze for the body and lid, and silver for the foot, spout and handle mount. The handle itself was ebony. It is noteworthy that in all these handmade Bauhause pots the precision of the rigid geometric forms could have been machine produced. Brandt has stated that everything was tested before it left the workshop teapots had to be well balanced, pour properly and not drip. Yet, surprisingly, the solutions for handles, while visually exciting, were often functionally dubious. The same can be said of a gravy pitcher by Wagenfeld that was designed to be gripped by two small wooden stubs emerging from opposite sides. Because in his own art Moholy was obsessed with light, the metal workshop students turned to designing light fixtures. To Moholy there was no esthetic difference between a fine lamp and a fine kinetic light sculpture, for they were both conceived as carriers of light. But even that was a great victory for it meant a new beginning. Moholy and Gropius, impressed by the prototype, decided that a series of lamps should be made for exhibition at the Leipzig Fair. So, in a primitive workshop, with only one ancient polishing machine, the metalsmiths set to work. Unfortunately, the results proved unsuccessful. These designs which looked as though they could be made inexpensively by machine techniques, were, in fact, extremely costly craft designs. In the Bauhaus was forced to relocate in Dessau for political reasons. Brandt commented on this transitional period. But I later came to the conclusion that the artist provides the final effect. At this point Dell left. Whether this was because his services were no longer needed now that each workshop had only one master, or for other reasons, is unknown. Ganoksin is sponsored by In Dessau function truly became the prime concern of the Bauhaus. Whereas before it was felt that the form must prove to be functional, now it was declared that the function must dictate the form. Despite the changes, the role of the fine artists remained as important as ever. Gropius felt that although function was dependent on science and technology, only artists could teach form. To Moholy the distinctions between art, craft, design and technology were irrelevant in the industrial age. Moholy fostered this with stubborn energy. Working with new combinations of materials, especially metal and glass, Bauhaus students achieved congruity of form and function with genuinely innovative solutions that are now taken for granted. Today almost every craft studio as well as most homes and offices possess at least one lamp that is based on a Bauhaus design. In the Bauhaus finally established a formal department of architecture under the Swiss architect Hannes Meyer. Once again the Bauhaus direction changed. Concerned that the Bauhaus would become a trade school, Moholy resigned. Following his departure, Meyer reorganized the school, placing the emphasis on the architecture department. The metal, wall-painting and furniture workshops were combined under the heading of interior design and at this point metalwork ceased to be a vital area of the Bauhaus. Under Mies the Bauhaus developed into an academy of architecture and curtailed workshop production. In , hounded by the Nazis, Mies moved the Bauhaus to Berlin. Six months later, in July , the Nazis closed the

school, seemingly for the last time. Surely this cannot be characterized as a failure. Experiment in Totality, Cambridge, MA:

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Home By Jeff Published: I drift in and out of them, but it always seems to come back around to that. I located a book, and positively devoured it. Ikea has long been the nemesis of Schwarz, who commendably has called for a new furniture movementâ€” the build it yourself movement. Schwarz knows that the idea of everyone building it themselves is more than a little utopian, and like all utopian notions is pretty much predestined for failure. Though Carl and Karin Larsson: Creators of the Swedish Style is more than a little over the top in its praise, it strikes at the core of why dreams like this eternally return. Carl and Karin Larsson were children of the nineteenth century, the century of utopias. It was Britain that lead the way in recognizing the great change wrought by industry, and in struggling against the monster of technology. The town had become a living thing, tearing Western man away from the soil that had been the basis of life. The Larssons, in their own utopia, created a permanent dream picture of Sweden and Swedishness, a country idyll bathed in Nordic light. Certain artists have the ability to spread gold dust on the wintry path of life. The Larssons were such artists. Their vision of Swedishness is more firmly embedded in the national psyche even than the Swedish sense of community. To have it light and white, clean and airy, like a summer meadow sprinkled with ox-eye daisies, is the very essence of that dream. Regardless whether the construction quality is something to admire or not, it brings good design within the reach of millions. Larsson painted workshop scenes as well, no doubt with his own children and local artisans as models. It was a reaction against technology of a sort, but it was also an embrace of technology too. Morris, in a memorable passage suggested in his utopian future that genuinely useful technologies were embraced, while tech with little to offer was simply left behind to rust. The question of what is a good tech, versus bad tech, was left unaddressed in the novel though he really did attempt to lay out some guidelines elsewhere. Her essay points at the deeper roots of Arts and Crafts to the social upheavals of the mid nineteenth century. The English approach to the building arts, he wrote, was: One brought nothing new to such a movement: Here, amid the architectural extravagance that the architects promoted, one found all that one desired and for which one thirsted: The new English building-art that developed on this basis had now produced valuable results. But it has done more: It has created the only sure foundation for a new artistic culture: Usefully, Naylor brings a more critical eye on the phenomenon: This was, of course, a middle-class vision: By aiming to transform factory hands into creative and contented artisans, and by concentrating on vernacular ideals of workmanship, this generation of design reformers also challenged the policies of their predecessors rejecting any form of training programme based on attempts to control or rationalize the design process. It stops short from creating a full program, although it does include a new workbook with design exercises. Such programmes were rejected by the Arts and Crafts generation because they denied the role of individuality and creativity; they were devised to impose rather than generate order, and they isolated the object from the context of making and use. The political nature of this has unique repercussions in Germany: Heimat was and is a value-laden concept and therefore difficult to translate; it signified home, locality, and country, as well as a sense of belonging and the inheritance of a shared past. Reform through design seems to have spread like wildfire virtually every nation at the dawn of the twentieth century. And not just design in general, but design in the lived environment.

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Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: Here are two books on this subject. Gillian Naylor is with Design magazine and lectures on modern design history. More than about workmanship, Pye speaks from the heart about morality, philosophy and life style. A good thing has come in a small package. The qualities and attractions our environment gets from workmanship is usually attributed to design. Workmanship is what, for practical purposes, cannot. In practice, the designer hopes the workmanship will be good, but the workman decides whether it shall be good or not. Since she is an exacting scholar, with sources and notes and index, I would have appreciated in the table of contents a listing of the 111 excellent illustrations: A first run through the illustrations seems to give a tacky blend of Medieval, Victorian and Episcopalian but, after mental adjustment, their good workmanship and sound design make them as tolerable as eccentric old neighbors in the country. It is a result of a certain ethical state of the nation. On Picture Varnishes and Their Solvents. Revised and Enlarged Edition. Case Western Reserve, Cleveland and London, The present edition contains, in addition, new research information reported by each of the authors and supplementary references to other recent work. Artists and art teachers should take note of this book because it contains a wealth of authoritative technical information of more general application than the title suggests. The first part by Feller is devoted principally to solvents. Of certain interest to some artists and teachers is the chapter giving You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

4: The Arts and Crafts Movement: A Brief Introduction

The Nature and Art of Workmanship by David Pye, *The Arts and Crafts Movement* by Gillian Naylor (review) Mike Nevelson Leonardo, Volume 5, Number 4, Autumn , pp. (Review).

Second, Morris sought an antidote to what he saw as the ornamental excess and stylistic derivativeness of late Victorian art and design. The arts and crafts movement had several distinct goals: The philosophy of the arts and crafts movement would influence a number of different art forms. The movement was never so much a particular design "style" as it was a philosophy of producing and implementing design, which ultimately led to a unique and recognizable look in architecture, landscaping, interiors, furniture design, decorative arts , and even graphic design and bookmaking. The population grew rapidly with new waves of immigrants, and industrialization forced a movement from farm to city, where housing often proved inadequate both for families and individuals. As the industrial working classes grew, so too did the middle classes, who wanted to own their homes but who needed a style of home more modest and livable than the Victorian home had been. They wanted a home that required little maintenance and that could run smoothly without servants, and arts and crafts design principles seemed well suited to meet those needs. He argues, "We need to straighten out our standards and to get rid of a lot of rubbish that we have accumulated along with our wealth and commercial supremacy" p. He even believed that children raised in "large houses with many rooms elaborately decorated and furnished" might well grow up to be unhappy adults. The designs that Stickley and others shared with the American public through magazines and pattern books offered an alternative to this fate. Arts and crafts architectural designs also often reflect an awareness of changes in American family life. Fewer people were living with large, extended families, and more single people wished to have homes of their own. He offers a design for "two inexpensive but charming cottages [essentially a duplex] for women who want their own homes" p. The Craftsman also offered "a Craftsman city house designed to accommodate two families" p. Stickley also had plans for country homes, farmhouses, and cabins, reflecting not only his belief that more affluent city dwellers needed an escape to nature but also his belief that everyone would be better off if he or she considered abandoning the city for a country lifestyle that would allow him or her to raise his or her own food and poultry. The arts and crafts movement also sought to change the ways houses were grouped together into neighborhoods. The " garden city " movement began in England as a way to counteract the grimness of factory towns. What the New York Times has called "the most successful and durable example" of this movement in America began in Queens, New York, in Hellman, p. The goal was to create a home that was open, spacious, and functionally flexible in contrast to the Victorian home with its smaller, more numerous, and more specialized rooms. Advocates of the style also believed that a house should be furnished simply, with well-crafted pieces and well-chosen accessories, unified in style. Readers of the Craftsman and other periodicals would have plenty of ideas for everything from lighting fixtures to textiles to art pottery. For Stickley the most important room in the house was the living room, which replaced the formal Victorian parlor. The new American family imagined by the arts and crafts movement would have little use for formal entertaining spaces and even less use for the myriad rooms described by Edith Wharton in her book *The Decoration of Houses*: The fireplace was often the heart of the family-centered living room, with built-in bookcases and seating areas. Bookcases reflected a growing interest, even in the middle class, in owning and displaying books, and interior designs often included built-in bookcases University of Toledo, "Interior Design," p. In short, interiors were designed to provide relief—perhaps especially for those in the middle classes—from urban and industrial society. In the development of such decorative arts as pottery, glass, metalwork, furniture making, and textile design, artisans sought to create items that had an integrated sense of function and beauty. In contrast to the proliferation of objects both cheap and useless in the Victorian home, the arts and craft home contained objects that were handmade and that reflected local nature and culture. Toward the end of the nineteenth century more and more books were published but often in low-cost, cheaply made editions, which Morris and his followers abhorred. During this period the Kelmscott Press issued over fifty titles, all of which adhered to a clear philosophy of both content and design: Morris hated "grayness" on

the page and designed books made of handmade paper with beautiful illustrations and illuminations, along with small black type and wide margins Naylor, p. In America, Copeland and Day publishers of Boston were among the first to experiment with publishing books that conformed to these principles of design. Characteristics of these books included handmade, deckle-edged papers, black typeset gothic was a popular choice, and text set in blocks with closely spaced lines Wilson, p. Two American periodicals, *American Printer*, published in New York, and *Inland Printer*, published in Chicago, helped to disseminate ideas about arts and crafts bookmaking. The center of arts and crafts book publishing in America was the Roycroft Press, founded in East Aurora, New York, in by Elbert Hubbard and later developed into a community of diverse craftspeople and artisans. At its peak in the community had approximately five hundred workers. Hubbard had met Morris in England and sought to re-create the Kelmscott Press on American soil, and his press became both prolific and commercially successful. The success of the Roycrofters depended much on the charisma, energy, and political views of Hubbard himself, a Larkin Company soap salesman turned social activist who remained a shrewd businessman and marketing wizard. Between and the Roycroft Press issued anywhere from three to ten volumes per year, all characterized by chamois binding, imported handmade paper, old-style type, hand-illuminated initials, and bordered title pages. Hubbard discovered that his books could be sold to the masses by the strategy of mail order, bringing the pleasures of the well-made book into middle-class homes. Hubbard himself authored several of the books issued by the Roycroft Press, reaching nearly 40 million readers with his *Message to Garcia*, an inspirational pamphlet that raised questions about the nature of work and individual responsibility. It became a minor classic. In the essay Hubbard tells the story of a young man, Rowan, who is asked to carry a message to the leader of the Cuban insurgents during the Spanish-American War and does so without questioning. Hubbard cherished the ideal of the individual who works for community goals. Along these lines, one of the main principles of the arts and crafts book was the idea that creating a book resulted from a meticulous collaboration among writer, designer, decorator, and printer. One of the most important designers in the Roycroft community was Dard Hunter, whose distinctive style helped to unify the various products created in the Roycroft community and give them a distinctive look. Between and Hunter mastered the art of making handmade papers and developed his own type styles in the Roycroft workshops. In Hunter moved to his childhood home of Chillicothe, Ohio, where he produced eight limited-edition books between and under the imprint of the Mountain House Press. While the arts and crafts movement survived in the United States for only a few short decades, it has remained influential. Arts and crafts architecture and furniture design is still highly prized, and the principles underlying the practices have been widely studied. Even in publishing, the movement has had lasting influence. As Richard Guy Wilson notes, "The legacy of this brief but intense period survives to this day. *A Book of California Bungalows*. *A Message to Garcia* and *Other Essays*. *Secondary Works* Bowman, Leslie Greene. *American Arts and Crafts: Los Angeles County Museum of Art*, *Arts and Crafts Architecture*. *Arts and Crafts Architecture: The Search for Earthly Paradise*. *The Ideal Home*, A Field Guide to American Houses. *Architecture as Fine Art*. Naylor, Gillian, et al. *The Encyclopedia of Arts and Crafts: The International Movement*, Via, Marie, and Marjorie Searle, eds. *Head, Heart, and Hand: Elbert Hubbard and the Roycrofters*. University of Rochester Press, *Introduction to From Architecture to Object: Masterworks of the American Arts and Crafts Movement*. Edited by Sheila Schwarz. Nancy Morrow Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

5: Viva: Gillian Naylor

"This new book - a complete reassessment of the aims and achievements of the school - is based on a re-examination of the source material, as well as research in Weimar and Dessau, and in the Bauhaus-Archiv in West Berlin."

Our first Primary Text, by the late Reyner Banham, argued for an authentic species of craft embedded and buried, out of view within the routines of the factory. A key moment for reframing Arts and Crafts studies should have been when two major exhibitions were mounted at the Victoria and Albert Museum and at Los Angeles County Museum. Both, however, were chiefly informed by Romantic Nationalist scholarship, choosing to explore the international nature of the movement by tracking its dissemination country by country. When nationalist agendas are examined in relative isolation, we miss the opportunities to see what is common to different experiences of craft reform, what hybrids develop, and why. Craft movements do not chart a simple, linear process of influence, but rather a series of asymmetrical and overlapping fits and starts. Then there is the question of the relationship between the Arts and Crafts movement and later developments within modern craft and design. The Arts and Crafts Movement in Birmingham, showed the way. As Tom Crook argued in our first issue of this year, the Arts and Crafts movement should be viewed as presenting an alternative option within rather than an escape from modernity, and its political and aesthetic transformations. A logical corollary is that historians should look beyond the chronological boundaries of the Arts and Crafts movement, finding continuities that might reshape our understanding of early modernism in design and architecture, and uncovering hidden stories of craft hitherto obscured by an interwar rhetoric of progressive technology. And there are plenty of other possibilities for further research. This could tie in with an investigation of time consumption and normative work practices during the high period of the Arts and Crafts movement. Skill and Deskilling in Art After the Readymade, suggests the potential for using a labor theory of culture as a model to investigate Arts and Crafts values. Equally, a history of colonial art education would show Arts and Crafts values being deployed and depleted in strategies of underdevelopment. The research articles included in this issue suggest the rich possibilities afforded by some of these approaches. Each essay presents craft reform as inextricably bound to modern innovations, whether those occur in the registers of mass production, urban reinvention, or spiritual experimentation. Freyja Hartzell offers a sharply observed account of the stonewares produced in the Westerwald of Germany at the turn of the century. In the politically fractured context of Catalonia, artisanal architecture was impossible not because it was mute, but because it spoke all too clearly. Our third article brings us forward in time to the seam between the Arts and Crafts era and the emergence of an individualist studio craft movement. Art historian Roberta Meyer and master woodworker Mark Sifri place the iconic figure of Wharton Esherick often described as the first American studio furniture maker into the surprising context of international anthroposophy. All three articles attest to the importance of in-depth primary research in the effort to come to grips with the historical craft movement. In this spirit, we offer a Primary Text that takes us further forward in time to the postwar period, but not necessarily away from turn-of-the-century preoccupations. It is fascinating to observe some of the same issues that were at issue in Germany and Spain, c. Finally, we have a Statement of Practice by the founders of the Handspring Puppet Company, who are based in South Africa but have taken London by storm recently in the theatrical production War Horse.

6: The Design History Reader: Grace Lees-Maffei: Berg Publishers

Gillian Naylor is a Professor of the Royal College of Art where she taught for 25 years until her retirement in , and was a key member of the teaching and research staff on the Royal College of Art/V&A Museum History of Design MA where she taught generations of design historians.

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8: Introduction to Issue | The Journal of Modern Craft

I've just been to the funeral of Gillian Naylor, with whom I worked very closely all through the 80s when I was at the V&A and she was Senior Tutor in the Department of Cultural History at the Royal College of Art.

The Arts and Crafts Movement: A Brief Introduction George P. Yes, it was an English movement in origin, and, in architectural terms, apart from the fourteenth-century Perpendicular. Everyone seems to agree that A. Pugin, John Ruskin, and William Morris greatly influenced the movement, endowing it with the following ideas and emphases: One cannot validly distinguish between fine and applied or decorative arts. The artisan or craftsman should have the same imaginative pleasure and freedom as painters, sculptors, and architects. The Industrial Revolution both greatly damaged popular taste and did much to destroy traditional craft skills. Mid-nineteenth century design was by and large dreadful, and artists, sculptors, designers, craftsmen, theorists, and the buying public had to work together to remedy this situation. Properly designed objects should embody truth to materials – what Ruskin had called the "Lamp of Truth. The role of the craftsman must be appreciated. All also agree that the Arts and Crafts Movement created the twentieth- and twenty-first century idea of Fine Craft, in which artist-craftsmen produce furniture, glass, ceramics, jewelry, textiles, clothing, and other kinds of applied arts that museums, galleries, and collectors consider as either as fine art or as aesthetically equal to it. The word art originally meant simply "craft" or "skill," and the word fine – or Beaux as in les beaux arts – became attached to art as a means of elevating it to a liberal art analogous to poetry. Now things have come full circle; or almost. The difficulties arise when one tries to decide precisely which designers and what objects should be considered genuinely Arts and Crafts. One major problem appears in the fact that, as Clive Wainwright points out in "The Architect and the Decorative Arts," the ideal of the artisan-craftsman as inspired independent artist now so much a part of contemporary culture almost never met realization earlier because architects, such as William Burges, E. Godwin, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, F. Troup, and Frank Lloyd Wright, and major designers, such as C. Voysey and William Morris, designed work for others to produce: Secondly, designers, even some closely associated with the movement, designed materials for mechanical, if not mass, production. Third, authors do not always agree if specific artists or objects belong to the Arts and Crafts or to Japonisme or the Aesthetic Movement, in part because some of the artist-designers changed and evolved during the course of their careers. A final difficulty in delimiting what the term Arts and Crafts should mean arises in the fact that often artists who would seem to have little in common with this approach worked on projects with those who did. Armstead, whom I would not normally associate with the movement. Nonetheless, certain points seem clear. In addition, although the artist-designer-craftsman figure never really existed in the fields of stained glass, textiles, and wallpaper, and metalwork, Arthur and Georgie Gaskin, like Nelson and Edith Dawson, show that it did in jewelry. Furniture followed more slowly.

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