



## Personal Grooming Kit

### Date

ca. 1944

### Primary Maker

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### Medium

cotton, metal

### Description

Kit, Grooming; Rectangular brown canvas pouch (a) that holds a grooming kit including a mirror (b), nail file (c), and comb (d). a) Pouch; The pouch has a top flap with a brown metal snap button closure on the lower center edge. The seams and edges of the canvas are covered with a dark brown fabric. The case cover opens to reveal two slots for storage of the grooming accessories. The top slot is wide and spans the whole width to accommodate

the mirror. The bottom slot is bisected by the button snap to create two narrow channels for the nail file and comb on either side. b) Mirror; Rectangular silver metal mirror with curved edges. One end has a circular opening in the center near the edge. It also has more decorative scalloped edges. Both sides of the mirror are reflective. c) Nail File; Rectangular silver metal nail file with one flat curved end and one end tapered to a point that curves forward to one side. The center has larger abrasive area made up of vertical raised lines very close together. d) Comb; Rectangular silver metal hair comb. One end has a flat shaft that extends midway to the center where the teeth begin. The teeth of the comb are spaced close together on one end and further apart on the other. Engraved text in the center of the shaft on once side reads "Pure // aluminum".

### Dimensions

a (closed):  $4 \frac{7}{8} \times 3 \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{8}$  in. (12.4 × 8.6 × 1 cm) a (open):  $7 \times 3 \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{8}$  in. (17.8 × 8.6 × 1 cm) b:  $4 \frac{1}{2} \times 3$  in. (11.4 × 7.6 cm) c:  $4 \times \frac{7}{16} \times \frac{1}{8}$  in. (10.2 × 1.1 × 0.3 cm) d:  $3 \frac{15}{16} \times \frac{3}{4}$  in. (10 × 1.9 cm)