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PREPARED RETAIL THERAPY

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Treasury: 1843 14th Street, NW

FASHIONETTE QUERY 104: My boyfriend's new job with the World Bank has him headed for Reagan National twice a month. What can I do to ensure I am not out of sight and mind?

SIMONE: Try gifting him a vintage dopp kit from Treasury. Instead of filling it with disposable razors and Kiel's face balm, add a monogrammed handkerchief scented with your perfume. And don't forget to replace the silver-framed Ginger Rogers photograph with a pinup version of you. Et voila... personal face time!

Flowers on Fourteenth: 1718 14th Street NW

FASHIONETTE QUERY 105: DC's winters are so dreary that I am thinking of getting a teeny tiny doggy to bring some life into my walkup. The only problem is my job. I am a second-year associate with no time for promenades or thrice daily feedings. Plan B?

SIMONE: Forget about puppy love for now and opt for a bit of greenery. According to Delores at Flowers on 14th Street, teeny tiny terrariums are the newest way to add life to the home front. All you need is your widest vase, pebbles from Rock Creek, evergreen moss, and several succulents (think aloe vera, agave, and sedum). The resulting menagerie is not only hearty (it can actually thrive on DC tap water twice a month), but is also low cost (\$25-35). Now you can surround yourself with still-life forms in every room for next to nothing.

Home Rule: 1807 14th Street NW

FASHIONETTE QUERY 106: Despite my best efforts I am habitually late for most appointments. I have been told to set my watch 30 minutes ahead. But I am always misplacing it. Any low-cost options?

SIMONE: A pop of color may be just what you need to keep up with your timepiece. Home Goods offers a rainbow of inexpensive (\$29.99) Winky Slap watches with interchangeable plastic bands. Find them along with magnetic neighborhood alarm clocks to the right of the artisan check-out counter. Artist and co-owner Rod Glover created the counter out of shards of the original shop window shattered during the 1968 riots. Tick tock! No time like the present to make every minute count!

Passport: 2003 11th Street NW

FASHIONETTE QUERY 107: I was not able to attend London Fashion Week this year. And watching Style.com streaming presentations is nothing like the real thing. Any suggestions on where I can find a UK fashion experience in town?

SIMONE: Everyone, including Anna Wintour, knows that real style emanates upwards from the street. For a London viewpoint, we recommend popping over to Passport for an interesting mix of High Street-inspired multicolor party dresses perfect for spring 2013 and beyond. London-born proprietor KC (Kouros Chitsaz) knows what he is doing. He designed his boutique to resemble a flat replete with full bar and fireplace. Fashion, libations, and conversation. What is more British than that?



Vintage face time (Treasury vintage dopp kit, shawl, and visor)



Teeny tiny terrarium



Tick tock (Home Rule watches and alarm clocks)



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