

The iPhone gets a revamp every year. Apps require constant updating. Your car is depreciating as you read this. In an era of constant change and consumer-product churn, it's important to invest in things that get better with age. The items in these pages have no expiration date, no obsolescence. The luggage on page 37 looks better with scuffs and stains. The brass cocktail tray, unlike your laptop, is improved by spilled drinks. With proper care, these objects will outlast their original owner. So in addition to an iPhone XS Max, buy something this season that's destined for estate sales of the future instead of a landfill.

—Stan Parish

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HEIRLOOM-
WORTHY
WATCHES

A partial checklist of things to look for when purchasing a timepiece you hope to pass on: a sturdy, stainless steel bracelet. A classic white (or metallic) dial. A case size of 40 millimeters or less, allowing the watch to be worn by descendants of any wrist size or gender. An automatic, Swiss-made movement designed to keep ticking indefinitely—no chargers or batteries required. And none of the notification-happy technology that will be obsolete by next season. —S.P.

Left to Right: The awkwardly named Omega Seamaster Railmaster is a modern remake of a collector favorite from the 1950s. omegawatches.com

A stainless steel Rolex is the archetypal investment watch. The subtle off-white dial on the Oyster Perpetual 39—new for 2018—gives this model an instant-vintage feel. rolex.com

The Cartier Santos—designed in 1904 as one of the first watches to be worn on the wrist as opposed to in the pocket—got an updated case and bracelet earlier this year. The matching Santos de Cartier lighter is the last pocket fire maker you will ever buy. cartier.com

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THE
PRIMAL AND
STYLISH
SHEARLING
COAT

His:

Plenty of brands take inspiration from the military, but Schott NYC belongs to the rare fraternity of labels that have actually outfitted America's fighting forces. During World War II, the U.S. Air Force tapped the company to produce a leather jacket to keep pilots warm. The jacket is still a staple of Schott's collection; this shearling version, based on what the bombardiers would wear in unheated and unpressurized cabins, is warm and rugged enough for cold-weather missions while also suitable for a luxurious and stylish civilian lifestyle. —Jacob Gallagher is the men's fashion editor at Off Duty for The Wall Street Journal schottnyc.com

Hers:

One part chesterfield, one part teddy bear, this camel-colored shearling by Pologeorgis offers a fresh take on the ancient practice of wearing sheepskin. Classic shearling flight jackets have heavy suede exteriors and fluffy white trim, but this knee-length coat's shearling pelts are reversed, moving the bulk away from the body. The result is a loose fit that allows for everything from tailored Dries Van Noten to puffy Patagonia underneath. —Rebecca Malinsky is the deputy fashion director at Off Duty for The Wall Street Journal pologeorgis.com

SET STYLING, GRACE HARTNETT; FOOD STYLING, VICTORIA GRANOF AT CORNELIA ADAMS





HEAVY-DUTY
HOME
GOODS

The Tray:

The solid-brass Form Tray from Tom Dixon has an Art Deco look with the luster of polished gold. Over time, it develops a handsome patina from fingerprints and spilled drinks—a distinguished-looking record of good times. —S.P.

tomdixon.com

The Glasses:

The Duo tumblers and Old-Fashioned glasses from Japanese brand Sugahara are made by fusing two thick pieces of colored glass. The result is a dynamic glass-always-full look and an almost unbreakable heft. —S.P.

sugahara.com



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**THE WINTERIZED
BOOT**

His:

The combination of lustrous, hand-finished leather and a no-joke lug sole allows Berluti's Brunico boots to transition effortlessly from a blizzard to the boardroom.

—Jacob Gallagher
berluti.com

Hers:

When the forecast calls for covered ankles but the situation demands something sleek and stylish, Santoni's classic Chelsea boots are a sure bet.

—Rebecca Malinsky
santonishoes.com



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**HIGH-TEST
LUGGAGE**

Mansur Gavriel's vegetable-tanned leather (the Cammello Travel Bag 1 & 2) and heavy-duty calfskin (the Technical Backpack, 4) improve with stains and scratches.
mansurgavriel.com

Globe-Trotter has been producing elegant, unbreakable

luggage since 1897. This brightly colored, leather-clad rolling case (5) is the antithesis of the cracked plastic rollers at every baggage claim.
mrporter.com

Think of these Tom Ford travel duffels (6), with thick hides and industrial-strength

zippers, as luxurious heavyweights.
tomford.com

Crafted from a single, supple piece of leather, this Berluti tote will be carrying your essentials long after its canvas cousins have come apart at the seams.
berluti.com—S.P.