

Women in Archaeology

Women have played vital roles in the cultural development of societies throughout history. Archaeologists will study personal items typically associated with women's activities to infer what life was like for a woman during a certain time period. This helps archaeologists answer more complex questions regarding gender roles, social and economic statuses, and ethnic or religious backgrounds of the community as a whole.

In honor of Women's History Month, below are several artifacts recovered from the Newman Site that are likely associated with women's activities within the household during the early 20th century. Do you recognize the milk glass jar on the left? It's an early 20th century Pond's Cold Cream jar! Pond's still makes moisturizer today, but they are produced in plastic bottles instead of glass. Even though cosmetic companies often targeted women in their advertisements, like the one below, we cannot assume the cold cream was exclusively used by women.

A thimble recovered from the Newman Site. Sewing is typically associated with women's activities, but there were men who knew how to and did sew.

Archaeologists also recovered a perfume bottle and jewelry items that would have been worn by women, including a heart-shaped pendant, and glass insets.



Row 1: Pond's Cold Cream Jar,
Pendant, Thimble, Perfume
Jar

Row 2: Glass jewelry inset



Lillian Hall-Davis

The Charming Leading Lady in SAMUELSON FILMS writes as follows:—

"For a long time I have been a continuous user of Pond's Cold Cream and Pond's Vanishing Cream and have found them in every way excellent. No toilet table is complete without them."

THE woman who wishes to make the most of her complexion should take a leaf out of the book of this well-known British Film Star. The regular use of Pond's Cold Cream and Pond's Vanishing Cream ensure the highest degree of skin-beauty. The Cold Cream nightly massaged into the skin of the face, neck, shoulders and arms, and a touch of the Vanishing Cream by day—that is all that is needed. As a result the skin is made delightfully firm yet supple, and lines, wrinkles, blemishes and roughness disappear. Especially by the sea are these two famous creams invaluable.

"TO SOOTHE AND SMOOTH YOUR SKIN."

Both Creams of all Chemists and Stores in handsome egg jars, 1/3 and 2/6. Also Collapsible Tubes, 7/6 (Quadruple size), and 1/-.
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Pond's Cold Cream and Vanishing Cream

1930s advertisement for Pond's Cold Cream