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What's New, What's Hot

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1. Sombriolet Sun Hat. Just the thing for cruising on a summer's day, this stylish topper from Outdoor Research features UPF 50+ solar protection as well as vents in its mesh-lined crown that keep your head cool and dry even on sultry days at sea. The Sombriolet's foam-stiffened brim floats if you or your hat unexpectedly get dunked, while flexible piping and an adjustable chin cord offer stiff wind resistance in anything short of a nor'easter. The hat, which weighs 3.2 ounces, comes in three sizes (medium, large and extra large) and three colors (khaki, sand and eclipse). \$35;

www.outdoorresearch.com.



2. Children's Wheeled Upright Suitcase. Part of the Going to Grandma's Collection from Mercury Luggage, this 16-inch bag is the real thing, just scaled down for kids. Perfect for a family vacation or overnight at a friend's house, the suitcase comes with a double-zippered main compartment, removable accessory pouch and front pocket with double zippers. In-line skate wheels, locking telescopic handle and an easy-to-manuever weight of only 5 pounds make it a breeze to handle for children. Available colors are red, blue, lime green and pink. \$45; www.csnstores.com.



3. 24-Inch Superlight Upright. Reliable luggage is the hallmark of Briggs & Riley, and this trolley-garment carrier combo is a smart addition to a long line of excellent B&R products. The bag's lightweight, flexible frame -- the removable garment sleeve and the main compartment together check in at 12.1 pounds -- ease the burden and potentially the cost of airplane travel. Another practical feature is the Superlight's outside handle, which allows for wrinkle-free, flat packing. Ballistic nylon outer fabric, which comes in either black or olive, is abrasion-resistant, water-repellent, colorfast and self-healing. Dimensions: 24 by 18 by 10.5 inches, with a capacity of 4,536 cubic inches. \$329; www.briggs-riley.com.



4. Star 50 Handbags. Female road warriors can take a little bit of home with them on their travels with this line of totes, clutches, porters and weekenders. Each one is themed to a state; the designer, Amity Cooper, hopes to get all 50 covered before long. For starters, consider the Louisiana Market Sac (\$115), which is modeled after the bags New Orleans locals carried to open-air markets; the Texas Star Clutch (\$45, pictured), a small, zippered bag adorned with the Lone Star seal; and the Colorado Lodge Tote (\$125), a roomy carrier that sits atop two little "black skis" and features a vintage silk-screened photo as a decoration. www.star50bags.com.

