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PENS MADE *by* HAND

from the Penmakers' Guild—Part I

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Snakewood

Snakewood was made by Lou Metcalf, and it is a very unusual and interesting original design. The snake wood from which it is crafted has an interesting grain, and the finish on this pen is very well done. It has an unusual hourglass shape, with the cap and barrel each tapering inward toward the threaded joint where the cap and

barrel meet. The pen is fitted with a Bock 14-karat gold nib and a white metal section. The nib is quite small in relation to the size of the pen, and the kit-supplied section is very thin. This combination limits the comfort of writing. The pen is without a clip, and would be best used as a desk accessory, since its flat end allows it to stand on its own. It is a beautiful pen with a reasonable price of \$249.

