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‘Not Extractions, but Abstractions (Part 2)’; closes on Saturday. With an ambitious, if ambiguous title and works several mediums including ceramics and jewelry by Shio Kusaka, Jonas Wood, Martin Soto Climent, Hanna Sandin, Peter Coffin and Polly Apfelbaum, this show at a new, small SoHo gallery suggests that abstraction is not so much a matter of pure nonrepresentational form, but of an attitude toward visual assertiveness. Found objects, associative imagery, intimations of utility and a general user-friendliness prevail. Clifton Benevento, 515 Broadway, near Broome Street, SoHo, (212) 431-6325, cliftonbenevento.com. (Roberta Smith)