

Giant Strides in Shoe Comfort for Men

The effort to get men's feet out of leather cases and into something both smart and comfortable for warm weather goes on apace—and this spring it is really getting somewhere.

Mesh started the ball rolling. And the shoe of mesh and leather still has great popular appeal, with particular interest in the natural to wheat mesh combined with black or brown. This is a shoe for late spring or summer. A popular shoe, but one that no longer has any great style significance.

The smart man, who wants a good looking town shoe that he can wear early, and right through summer, is going for the new models in perforated or woven leathers which have a well-tailored smart air while allowing the foot to breathe.

Many of these shoes are American designs. Others originated in Italy or Spain, where men's footwear is a matter of great interest to all concerned.

If expense is no object, the handwoven leather shoe, in which all fashioning and fitting is done in the handling of the leather without lasting is really some very handsome shoes, in which all or the major portion of the vamp is of laced strips, so well styled that the shoe is a perfect accompaniment for town business suits.

Tans and brown are favored

in shoes of this type, but black is smart, especially with the charcoal and off-black green and brown flannels and worsteds for business wear. And there are also some good looking shoes in navy blue calfskin.

In perforated shoes, another way of getting ventilation plus style, the most popular models show a perforated section in the vamp with plain edge. Brown is the leading color, but the tone combinations are also popular.

In other models the entire vamp is perforated with plain quarter, this perhaps having the style edge, since there is more and more interest in the plain toe effect.

While perforations and woven leathers were originally introduced for reason of coolness and comfort, they have caught on so rapidly that many shoes now simulate the effect with embossed leathers. These may be no cooler than regulation shoes, but they are riding on the fashion band wagon, showing how they have appealed to the public these new air-conditioned shoes fancy.

In real summer styles, the classic tan and white spectator gets the new look in a two-eyelet butcher type with perforated vamp and quarter of white buck.

Sir Francis Drake named the Farallone islands, off San Francisco, the Islands of St. James, in 1579.



NYLON BLENDED—Take a breather in airy, moccasin style shoes for spring. Here nylon and grain calf are blended to provide ease and comfort. (By

Pink With Black In Men's Footwear

Will men wear pink shoes? They have accepted pink shirts, especially for wear with new and popular charcoal shades in clothing. The New in Shoes this season include not overall pink footwear, but pink with black, with navy and with charcoal.

Other newest style footwear highlights for men include black calf with green suede for a two eyelet oxford and yellow calf with red soles and piping in a blucher.

Soft shrunken grains are now very high style in black, navy, darkest brown and charcoal.

The new lower topline is being used on everything from footwear for active sports to town and dancing shoes.

Matching mesh in brown, black or navy is being used for men.

Wall last effects in slippers, with the wall of mesh and the vamp and quarter of calf.

The pure white leather slip-on, cut like a slipper and with punched cut-outs and with black sole and heel is here for Pigs. It is going high style on men's footwear in wing tip patterns and dark town colors. Charcoal polished calf with matching suede is an elegant town wing tip treatment.

National Archives Building Contains Reams of Records

Washington — (U.P.) — If you want information about loyalty oaths during the civil war or maps dealing with sunken treasure, the National Archives building here can fix you up.

There are now nearly 800,000 cubic feet of records which date from pre-Revolutionary times to the post-Korean conflict. Scholars and writers seek information and material on almost every conceivable subject—the geology of the Antarctic, literary figures in diplomacy, activities of the American Congo Co., and how the New Deal affected Puerto Rican political movements.

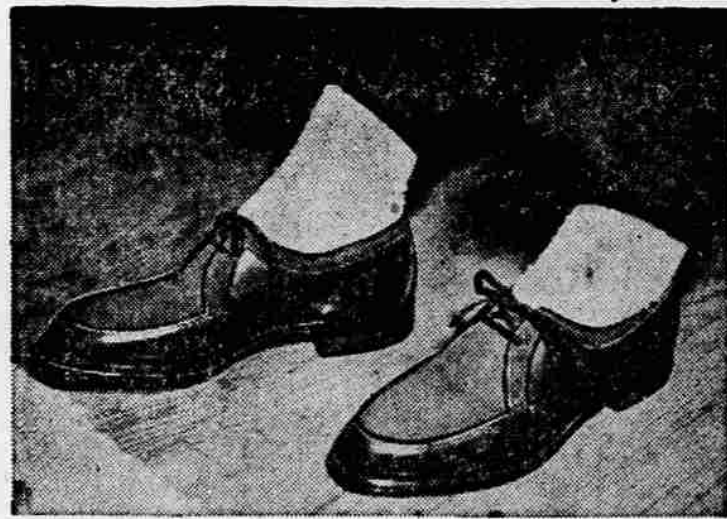
The reference service boasts that about 400,000 reference demands are supplied annually. Congressmen frequently call upon the staff to produce information needed in connection with legislative activities.

One state used copies of records to support its claims to offshore petroleum rights and another found that maps (there are 900,000 maps and charts) were very useful in planning a re-survey of its coastal and inland waters.

Preservation Problem—Among many historic documents on exhibit are the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. General Services Administration reports that last year some 25,000 students from 32 states viewed these charters of American liberty.

Archives officials also recognize the need to preserve the legibility of its precious documents for future generations. The Declaration of Independence is already badly faded, partly due to damaging light. Special filters now control the injurious effects of natural and low-intensity light and photo-lighting is prohibited.

Filters are being installed in all display cases and special problems in the preservation of exhibited documents were investigated. A recent survey revealed that over 8,000,000 items are in need of some repair.



TWO-EYELET BLUCHER—Smart, sophisticated colors feature the New in Shoes for men as in the instance of the two-eyelet blucher above with charcoal grey mudguard and trim in buckskin. (By Bates).

SCIENCE AT WORK

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

New York—(U.P.)—The reason American physicians prescribe some four billion doses of habit-forming and potentially deadly "sleeping pills" every year is because they work benefits in the human body which nothing else can bring about.

Drs. Joseph F. Fazekas and Theodore Koppanyi asked over 300 medical educators and practicing physicians for their opinions. They concluded that "sleeping pills" are prescribed in such huge numbers not because of "the physician's lack of conscience, knowledge or awareness of the problems involved but to the rudimentary state of medical and biologic science."

What the public calls "sleeping pills," doctors call the barbiturates. They're a family of potent central nervous system depressing drugs derived from barbituric acid. They've become an enormous problem because it is possible to become addicted to them no less than to opium and because an overdose is fatal and people keep killing themselves with them, either accidentally or intentionally.

Necessary Or Legitimate?—Drs. Fazekas and Koppanyi wanted to know if members of the medical profession thought they and their fellows were using them "promiscuously." They asked this and other questions of the professors of medicine, neurology and psychiatry in American and Canadian universities, of the staffs of two hospitals, and of a number of general practitioners.

Of the 112 who answered the question about promiscuity, 75 said yes and eight more said yes with reservations. But the other

questions broadened the investigation, and, from the answers to them, the questioners found that they had to distinguish between necessary and legitimate uses of the drugs.

The necessary uses, they found, were in epilepsy and other convulsive states, "for the tranquilization of manic patients," and as anesthetic agents. The legitimate uses they catalogued as relief of "apprehension and anxiety states, persistent severe insomnia, thyrotoxicosis, essential hypertension and probably gastro-intestinal disturbances."

Their interpretation was necessary because of marked disagreement among the answering doctors to the opposing questions: (1) what are the legitimate indications for barbiturates? (2) what are the unnecessary uses of barbiturates? Impressive numbers lined up on opposing sides.

Nothing Preferable—Forty-six out of 334 thought insomnia legitimately called for barbiturates, but 42 others said barbiturates were not "necessary" in the treatment of insomnia. Fifty-eight thought the drugs legitimate for "acute anxiety, panic and tension states" but 36 thought them unnecessary for those states.

The questioners reviewed other agents for depressing the central nervous system and found none "preferable." Therefore, "barbiturates will continue to be used by the medical profession." They suggested that doctors should always be careful to prescribe them in the smallest effective doses possible, always on a short-term basis, and should never use them when something would do as well or better.

They doubted that any effective law could be devised against "the so-called promiscuous use of barbiturates." They thought that laws tougher than the present ones governing them and other habit-forming drugs, would drive the manufacture "underground to a greater extent than at present." Doctors, pharmacists, teachers, clergymen, and social workers could do more than laws to "curb the illicit barbiturate traffic."

They made their report in the technical journal, Postgraduate Medicine.

Cayenne pepper is hot and pungent, and a bright red col-

line as war and taxes.

President's Visit Turns Capital Flower Show Into Utter Confusion

Washington — (U.P.) — Flower shows normally are sedate, fragrant affairs conducted in library-like calm. That is, until a President of the United States comes to call.

Then brick walls collapse, photographers fall into glistening garden pools, garden club ladies get their corsages crushed and men with live alligators shove their alleged pets at the chief executive.

Such was the case here yesterday when Mr. Eisenhower, subbing for his wife who was back at the White House getting over the flu, visited the National Flower Garden show at the huge District of Columbia armory.

Until the President arrived, the armory was a bit of floral paradise as well-dressed matrons moved between the displays, admiring the flowers and plants and wishing their gardens at home could look the same.

When the word passed that the President was on the premises, however, the place took on all the aspects of a department store basement with nylons on sale for a dime a pair.

The President went first to see "Mamie's Garden," a striking

plot of chalk white tulips, boxwoods and blooming dogwood trees set within a serpentine brick wall and flagstone terrace. The garden will be given to the Eisenhower farm at Gettysburg, Pa., by the Allied Florists association.

Here the first difficulty developed. One man insisted on giving the President a huge vase brimming with two dozen Happiness roses. Mr. Eisenhower wanted to see the rest of the show and he wasn't about to go trudging through the aisles hauling the vase of flowers.

He turned it over to a Secret Service man who disappeared, only to cause a lady gardener to shrill, "Where's he going with our flowers — they're for the President."

Wishing Wells—Then the President moved toward a series of wishing wells into which the public was invited to toss coins for the Crippled Children's society. Two cameramen, trying for a high angle shot of the President's approach, climbed up what looked like a sturdy garden wall.

The wall was not cemented, however, and buckled under the weight. Down came a cascade of peat moss, top soil, bricks and two photographers at the President's feet.

He remarked, "That will make good golf soil," and proceeded toward the wishing wells where he discovered he had no coins.

"If I can find luck, let's not pass it up," he said, dispatching an aide for change.

Armed with \$2 in quarters, the President began tossing coins into the small, knee-deep pools. One photographer, dutifully intent on what he saw through his camera viewfinder and not on his footing, calmly plunged into the first pond.

Ought To Be Ashamed—One gentleman gardener trumpeted, "Hey, you, don't do that." A lady stuck her head from behind a hedge and shrieked at the poor man who was trying to clamber out of the water, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself."

Ladies pushed and shoved to get near Mr. Eisenhower who took all the fuss with good humor. One lady loped along behind the presidential group, calling out at frequent intervals, "Don't forget the Patent Office." After several yelps, investigation proved that she didn't want the President to pass up the floral display on the Patent Office which patents about 80 new flowers a year. The President visited and approved.



STYLE WINNERS—For casual stepping a smart model adapted from the Swiss, shown above, is available in the new ginger crushed grain or smooth cherry leather. In the lower photo unusually low cut is this raised seam moccasin slated to be a style winner this season in smooth orange toned leather. (Both by Thom McAn).

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