

Has Worn One Pair of Shoes 20 Years

By JENNIE DAUGHTRY

Can you imagine anyone wearing a pair of shoes twenty years and keeping them in good condition without ever having them repaired?

It seems improbable; yet that is the story related to me by Lee Battle, sixty-four-year-old chef of the Mercer University Cafeteria in Macon, Georgia.



The 20-year-old shoes—still in service

I was having lunch at the cafeteria and Lee was partly engaged in clearing away the dishes from the table where I sat.

"I've worn these shoes for twenty years. Yes'm, I bought them in 1909 and since that time, I've worn 'em every time I dressed up to go anywhere. They have never been repaired; they have never been half-soled in any way and are now in good condition."

As he said this, I glanced at his brightly shined shoes which had the appearance of having been worn probably two or three months.

"Every Saturday evening I go to the barber shop to get a shave. I wear these shoes. I have worn them to church every Sunday since I got 'em. I never use any polish on 'em. I rub 'em up with my hand an' the oil in my hands keeps 'em bright." Here he rubbed his hand back and forth to demonstrate how he did it.

Finding me an interested listener, he set aside his tray of dishes and continued.

"These shoes cost only seven dollars and thirty-eight cents. Now they sell for twelve dollars. Two college



LEE BATTLE

boys wrote themes about my shoes." Then he clasped his hands and smiled proudly as he added, "An' both of 'em made A."

"Lee," I said, "the factory that makes these shoes would probably pay you a good price for them to use for advertising."

"Yes'm, I've been told that before." Then he bent forward, laughing. "But I always tell them to keep their money. All I want is my shoes." And Lee took up his tray of dishes and went chuckling out of the room.

This conversation took place a year ago. I dropped in at the college cafeteria again recently, and, seeing Lee Battle, inquired about his famous shoes. He stated that he expected to wear his famous shoes the rest of his life.

During his thirty-one years of service at Mercer University he has become one of the most popular persons on the campus. He has proved himself a friend to the boys at all times, cheering them up when homesick or discouraged and advising them when necessary.

When the boys are "broke," they often borrowed money from Lee, and in several instances, when boys have lacked the necessary funds to continue their studies, Lee has loaned them the money to complete their college education. His cheerful attitude has won, for him, the title "Mercer's Apostle of Optimism."

Two years ago, Lee was quite ill, and he doctors found that in order to save his life, a blood transfusion was necessary. It was then that twenty of the college boys volunteered to give their blood, free of charge, to save the life of their friend, Lee.

Everyone on the campus is familiar with the history of Lee's shoes. Students and faculty members have watched, with interest, the number of years of their usefulness increase. Lee delights to relate the story and proudly displays his prized possession on all occasions. "I wouldn't part with 'em for any amount of money," he says, "cause I jes' know there are no other shoes like mine."

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THOSE T-BARS TELL

Sometime ago we had a little chart showing something about the way that you cross the small letter "t" and what those crossings tell. This week we have another little chart still based on the letter "t" and what it shows by the way that it is made.

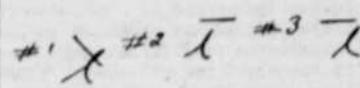
Study the first specimen carefully. Here you have the writing of a nature that is very quick to domineer over other people—who tells other people what to do and does not do it very gently.

The writer who crosses the second "t" is one who builds a tremendous number of air castles. This kind of a man or woman is likely to sit back in an easy chair and dream about the things they are going to accomplish but they never get them done. This is certainly true if they make this bar as it is in the third specimen where it fails to cross the "t" stem and is far above it.

Study your own writing, if you should notice any one of these characteristics, you need to spend a little time and effort in trying to overcome them, because they are standing between you and the accomplishment of any kind of success that you might have.

If you will keep this chart and put

it away, and study it, you will be surprised how interesting it is to check back on the writing of your



friends and see how true these little points show up again and again.

You may have a personal report made of your handwriting if you will write a page, using pen and ink. Sign your name, send letter to Dr. M. N. Bunker, in care of this newspaper, with a stamped and self-addressed envelope for reply. Be sure to enclose the stamped envelope, for letters without this will be discarded.

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