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For the Well Dressed Man

Clothes and Accessories for the Great Out-doors

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For tennis, cheviot shirts with polo collar attached. White duck trousers. White woolen socks. Shoes of white buckskin, with an in-step strap of brown Russia leather. Long wait coat of brown or white soft wool

THAT part of the masculine world which cannot, for good and cogent reasons, be at war, has already begun to take its tennis racquets from their presses and try the speed of the spring greens. It is the season when the big world of out-doors calls most urgently, perhaps, of all the year. Certainly it is the season when, after the winter hibernation, one responds most eagerly and quickly to this call. I am not at all of the ranks of those who believe that men in America should eschew their sports as not in keeping with the war spirit. For the men who are too young for military service, out-door sports have an important function in bodily training. For those who are beyond military age, they have an almost equally important function in maintaining the soundness of body which is the pre-requisite for sound mind; especially at this time when sound and mature minds are so vitally needed for the front behind the front. And for men who, although they may be of military age, are unable to take arms, for valid reasons—and the proportion who bring forward reasons not valid is so small, one is thankful to say, as to be almost contemptuously negligible—sport has also its vital importance for reasons of both mind and of body.

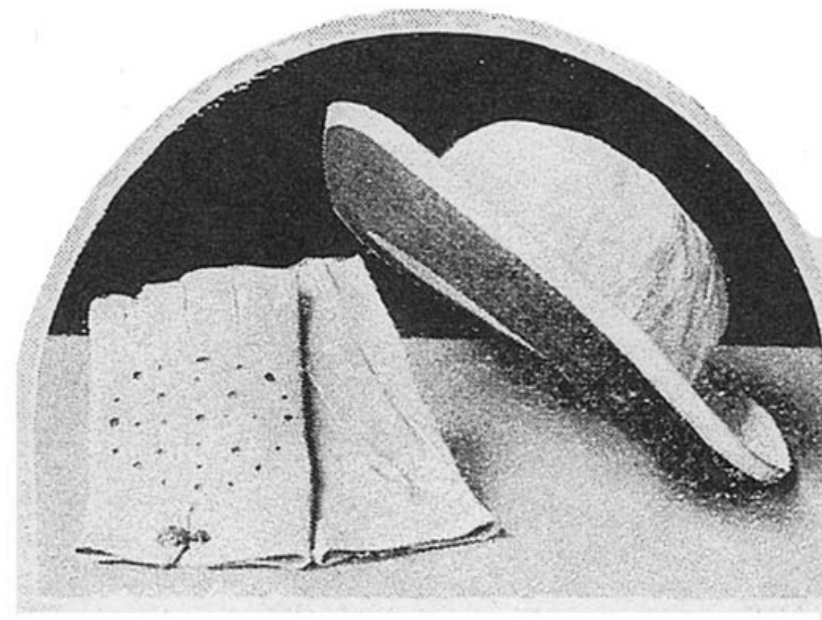
There are a dozen other things to be said for sport even in the midst of critical war days, and the English periodicals are plainly reflecting now the wish that sport in its various forms had not been so greatly abandoned in



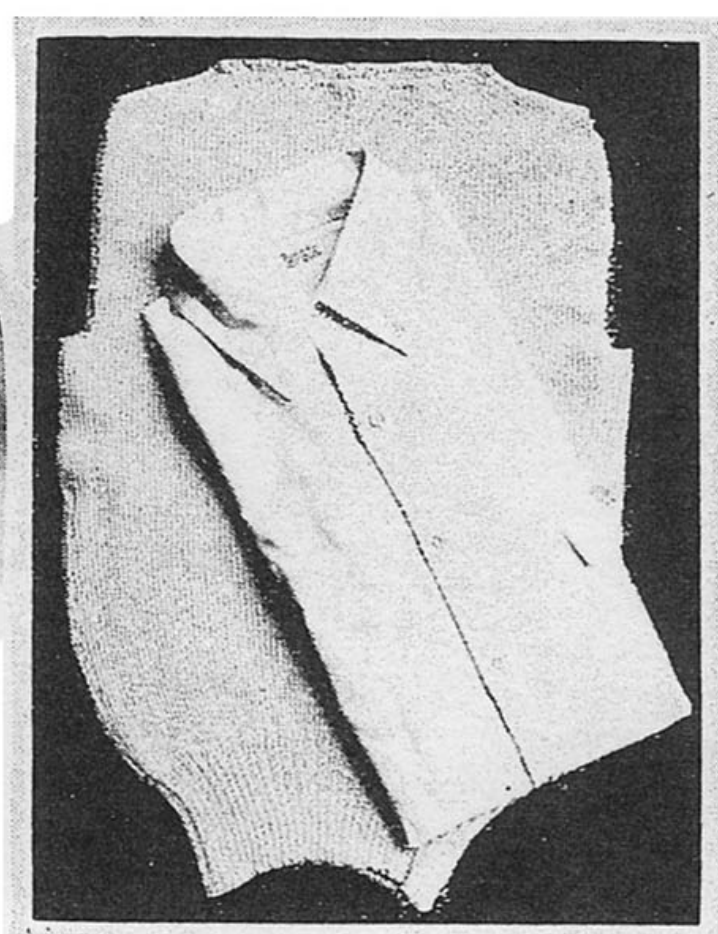
White buckskin shoe with brogueing. Heavy black rubber sole varnished. Price, \$22

Great Britain during the first two years of the war. But this is hardly the place, after all, for a discussion of a big question of wartime athletics. Let us assume that we are going to have plenty of golf, tennis, motoring and the like, in this country this season and start from that premise.

THERE will be found in this issue, illustrations of some good types of clothes for outdoor wear and of the accessories which go with them, chosen from the many hundreds of special articles of this sort. For active games like tennis, for instance, the value of a light but warm coat to slip on between sets or on the way from court to club house, is apparent. An excellent coat of this character, on the lines of the English wait or period coat, is among the illustrations this month. This coat is made of soft brown wool. It may be had in white if preferred, but there is always considerable difficulty in keeping white coats truly white unless one is the fortunate



Green-lined tennis or golf hat with perforations; price, \$1.00. Fingerless chammois golf gloves; \$1.50 a pair



Polo shirt of cheviot in white and solid colors; \$2.50. Tennis slip-over of Shetland wool, white or khaki, sleeveless; \$5.00

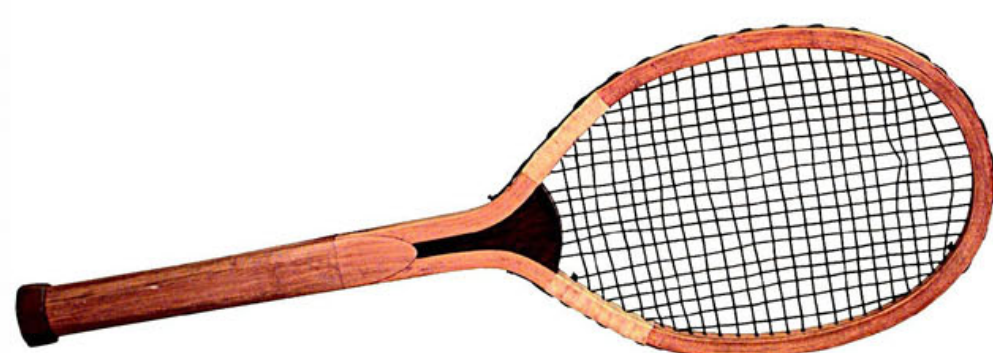
possessor of a man-servant who thoroughly understands the bleaching of such garments. This coat is made with large buttons, buttoning through and with roomy side pockets. The collar is also of ample dimensions, so that it can be turned up if desired.

Another very useful garment for tennis wear, either while warming up or during rest periods between sets, is a light-weight slip-on jersey. One made of Shetland wool without any sleeves is illustrated. This convenient slip-on can be had either in white or in khaki. The way in which it is finished, and the fact that it is sleeveless make it very comfortable to wear when actually at play either for tennis or golf, as there is no binding at the shoulders.

FOR tennis, of course, the conventional flannel trousers will continue their popularity this season. But many men will also wear white duck or twill trousers, which have the advantage of great coolness and are comparatively easy to launder. Care should be exercised in the cut of tennis trousers so that there is no drag at the knees. This is a fault which can become exceedingly trying and annoying during a long match. Cheviot or flannel shirts with polo collars are, of course, adaptable to both golf and tennis, and for the latter game it is convenient, in the opinion of many men, to have the sleeves cut off at the elbow. This is a distinctly American fashion, as is the habit of rolling the sleeves far up. English players, as a rule, merely turn back the cuff and not a few of them leave the sleeve buttoned and do not interfere with it at all. This habit of wearing the sleeves long became familiar to the American tennis-going public during the Davis Cup matches, even the latest of which now seems to have been played so long ago.

Several types of good shoes for tennis may be had to suit the individual taste. White buck-

skin made with brogueing after the manner of one of the shoes illustrated in this issue is an example of a good type, or the buckskin may be perfectly plain, even without any tip. Other good white shoes are made with an instep strap of brown Russia leather. Heavy black rubber soles which, to look their best, should be varnished around the edges, form a pleasing contrast to the white shoes and have practical advantages as well.



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