

# FOR THE WELL DRESSED MAN

Clothes for Yachting and the Camping Trip With a Word on the Care of Shoes

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IT is still very much in the lap of the gods whether there are to be many of the regular yacht club cruises this year, or whether they are to go the way of many other sports—cut off by the inexorable hand of war. But, in any case, there is sure to be a deal of vicarious yachting in both eastern and western waters. There are few men to whom the call of blue water and a whole-sail breeze does not come with a strong appeal. Whether it is that we all have a sort of a harking back to the Vikings, the Italian discoverers, the Pilgrims or some other of the adventurous stock that had perforce to reach these shores by the way of the rolling deep; whether it is because we are an island, albeit a big one, or for whatever atavistic or altogether simple reason, the fact remains that we delight in life upon the water. Obviously, life upon the water is quite as many faceted and various as life on land. You may fancy it in the luxurious surroundings of a big steam yacht, where your sense of intimacy with the ocean is almost as impersonal as on a trans-Atlantic liner, or you may go to the other extreme and take your yachting straight, as it were, from the lee rail of a knockabout or catboat. This sort of thing is wet work and demands special clothing of a rough and ready sort which it is not the purpose of this article to discuss. On these pages, however, will be found illustrations of some of the essential things for a yachting trip on one of the larger boats: a steam yacht, a big power cruiser or a cruising sloop or schooner.

Yachting is one of the things that begin at the bottom. That is to say, at the shoes. They are the foundation, as it were, for the rest of life on the rolling deep. For general purposes on board a boat,

big or little, the rubber-soled shoe is decidedly the thing. It may be had in many varieties. Three good types are illustrated on these pages. One is of brown Russia leather with red sole. A second is of white buckskin with white sole and a third of white buckskin with black leather trimming and a black sole. Light woolen socks or socks of silk in neutral tones or self clockings should be worn with these shoes. On very large boats for dancing on the deck and for evening wear at yacht clubs and the like, pumps of patent leather with squared toes will be found a useful part of one's yachting kit. I will have a word to say later

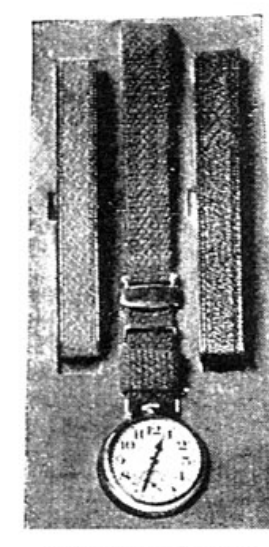
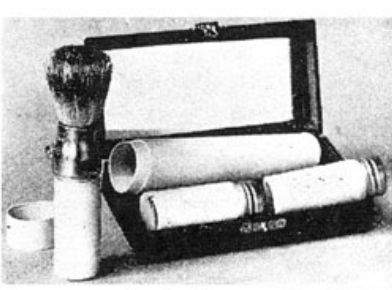
on the proper care of the various types of leathers, which is well-nigh as important as the selection of the proper shoes themselves. The good looks of a shoe depend very largely on the grooming thereof.

THE call of the wild is in the blood these days. It is almost a sort of midsummer madness. The far places, the silent places, are calling to us with an imperious summons which is not to be denied. There is a fever in the blood for the dim aisles of the forest and for the vistas of distant mountains. To many of us, sickened with all the business of civilization, with the crowds and the noise of crowds, with the rush of trains and smells of the city streets there has come a great nostalgia for the hills and the lakes, the open road and the nights under the stars. Consciously or, more often, subconsciously, we want to commune with the great heart of Nature and go back, for a space, to the primitive things: the things that count.

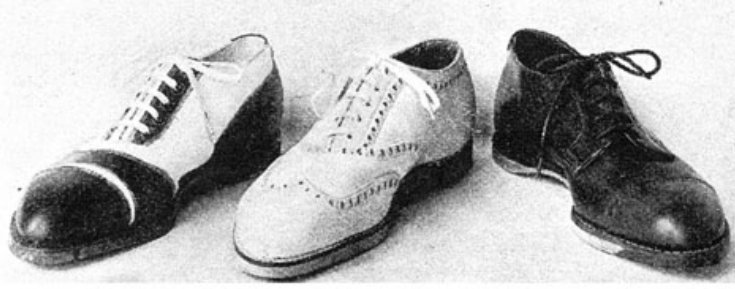
Fortunately, it is within the reach of many of us to gratify these longings. The motor car alone has



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This watch looks equally well as a wrist watch or in the waistcoat or jacket pocket. When worn on the wrist its strap can be adjusted readily with one hand. Price, with seven-jewel movement, 14-karat gold case, proofed webbing strap and straps of black leather and of pigskin and with unbreakable glass crystal, \$40.00. With luminous dial, \$3.00 extra. The watch can be had in silver and nickel



Yachting shoes; of white buckskin with black trim and black rubber sole, \$10.00; all white buckskin with three-quarter wing tip, \$10.00; tan Russia calf with red rubber sole and with a leather underlay at the toe, \$8.50



Warm but light sweater of brushed wool with contrasting facing and pocket facings that match. Price, \$18.00



Trapshooter's coat of green zibeline with sleeves of gray reindeer and sweater neck and wrists. Price, \$17.50



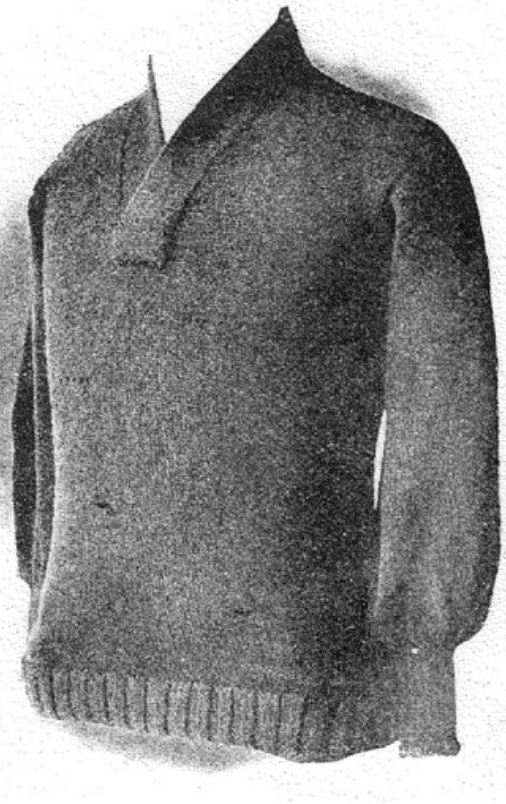
Socks of light wool are very suitable for wear aboard ship. The sort illustrated is of Scotch knitted wool in a flat weave in tones of blue and gold with a clock of harmonizing shade. \$1.00 a pair

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broadened immensely the scope of life outdoors. It has opened quite new fields to conquer to the man who loves camp life. Perhaps it is nowhere more true than in relation to a camping trip that anticipation and preparation form a vital part of one's pleasure. It is a joy to make plans and to gather one's belongings; to pack and repack, mentally—and at last actually—one's duffle bags. Certainly, if the trip is to be enjoyed to the full, adequate and thoughtful preparation is necessary. For if there are few things more delightful than a trip to the woods or the mountains under the proper conditions, there are few more unpleasant experiences than the impromptu camping trip on which a miscellaneous jumble of old clothes are expected to meet every requirement. I well remember a night spent on the top of one of the high mountains of New Hampshire under conditions of this kind, and I remember still more vividly the cold gray dawn of the morning after, with every limb at protest with the world.

NO attempt has been made in this article to suggest a complete camping outfit, including tents, sleeping bags, axes, knives and the hundred and one items of a gypsy life. These are details upon which Vanity Fair would be delighted to give more

minute information on request. On these pages, however, will be found pictures of some of the articles of clothing which one will find very useful contributions to the pleasure of any camping trip. It will be noted that they include several types of warm sweaters and sweater-like coats, a tweed norfolk jacket and knickerbockers and woolen puttees. Warm things to even think about in the middle of a blistering



summer month, you say. True enough, in the latitude of Fifth Avenue and Forty-second Street; but you will find them more than welcome in the hill country or the backwoods. Two excellent types of shoes for rough outdoor work are also pictured. One is a high moccasin or cruiser boot with a full sole and heel which is one of the easiest forms of footwear for tramping and the trail. The other is a half-heel woodsman's boot of oiled cowhide, very tough and wear-resisting, but, at the same time, soft and pliable. There are countless variations of boots for special uses in the woods and for climbing, of course, but these are two good sorts for the average uses of the camping trip. You will find it quite important to give time and thought to the selection of boots, for the wrong kind may easily take all the joy out of your sojourn in the wilds.

I have promised heretofore to say a word on the proper grooming of various types of shoes. One of the provinces of the accomplished gentleman is to know the recipes for the care of leather. Some of them worth knowing follow:

ALL shoes should be cleaned on well-fitting block trees. Tan shoes should never be worn two days in succession. Great care should be taken of them when wet, and they should not be allowed to dry until the trees have been put into them and they have been well scrubbed with soap and warm water until all stains are removed. Should any stains remain they can usually be removed with a little Propert's boot top powder (nut brown) mixed with water and applied with a stiff brush. Let the shoes dry gradually. When dry apply Brown's Luteian liberally. Polish with a soft brush and finish with a soft wool cloth or chamois. Then apply Wren's Paste sparingly and polish with soft brush, and finish lightly with a soft ~to be continued...



Spiral wool puttees, \$3.00. On the left, 10-inch cruiser boot, \$10.00. On the right, 12-inch woodsman's boot of oiled cowhide, \$14

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