Fall Fashions for Men Folks

HE PENDULUM of fashion is swinging back to the moderate in men's clothes. From the point years ago of extreme simplicity it swung last year to the extreme of exaggeration. It has

started this season on the reverse stroke; the numerous points of style are less extreme than they were and a tendency is shown toward a natural fit of the human figure. A complete summing up of the style tendency of the season may be given in the following editorial words from the opening fall and winter number the Sartorial Art Journal:

"The grotesqueness and effeminacy which characterized men's clothes during the two seasons just passed have been relegated to the limbo of bad form, and the deformingly broad built-up coat shoulders, the effemnate bottom flare of sacks, the attenuated cutaway points of waistcoats and the extravagant peg-toppiness of trousers, will no longer distress the eye of the artist and disgust the man of sense. In place of these absurdities we shall have, during the incoming fall and winter season, coats shaped to suggest the figure of the wearer, instead of making it appear a monstrosity, waistcoats less suggestive of the weeping willow, and trousers that will not grossly slander the masculine form below the waist

"Throughout the entire sartorial field of fashion there is not only no garment to which well founded objection can be made from the viewpoint of art, but none that will fail to command the admiration of all who are fond of beauty in attire."

Take a trip among the tailor shops of the city and look at the fashion plates or observe the styles as displayed in the houses which handle good ready-made clothing and you will realize this to be true. The deforming qualities of men's clothes are passing and in their place are coming a higher style standard artistically.

Whether one goes this fall to the tailor or the store where ready-made clothes are handled he can hardly be disappointed. Many poorly dressed men wear tallormade clothing, many well dressed men wear it; many poorly dressed men wear ready-made clothing, many well dressed men wear it. Let the man who wants to be well dressed go to a tailor who knows how to make stylish clothes, or let him go to a clothing house which Mandles high grade ready-made clothing. He makes a mistake if he goes to a tailor who cannot follow the styles, or if he patronizes a house which sells cheaply made clothing. At either tailor shop or clothing store he can get what he wants this fall, for styles are pleasing and the variety of fabric and design is comprehensive.

Coat shoulders are lightly padded, just enough to hold the coat in shape and not at all suggestive of the pads of a foot ball suit, as the shoulders of last year were. The collars of all coats are moderately short. Popular favor is no longer accorded the ridiculous flare of the coat skirts of last season, and this year, though the coat does not hang straight, the fullness of the skirts has been so greatly diminished there would seem to be no flare at all were it not for the slightly military suggestion at the waist. Undersacks are of medium length and cut medium shape in the back. The doublebreasted frock has well peaked lapels, the cutaway coat has longer skirts than last year and the waist dip of both is an inch more than last season.

For business wear there never was a greater variety

of fashionable sacks in handsome patterns than this season. They are about half fitting, have a center seam vent seven to nine inches in length and will run thirty-one to thirty-two inches in length for a man of average height, or one inch longer if the coats are double-breasted. The breast pocket is welted. Four-button and three-button coats are the most popular in sacks, though a two-button double-breasted sack with a long roll is permissible for the man who relishes the ultra in dress. The conservative doublebreasted sack rolls to about two inches below the breast line and closes with three buttons.

A number of changes have been made in vests. They are made collarless in the single-breasted and generally with collars in the double-breasted. They close moderately high and the cutaway points are of moderate length. Six buttons are generally used, but five and seven will be asked for not infrequently.

Trousers are no longer as big as a gunnysack at the waist, but just easy enough to afford the wearer comfort. Those made for business wear hang straight; for day dress they are slightly shaped to the knee and swelled over the calf. Cuffs are still considered in style, though the tendency is to get away from them.

Though styles in dress clothes do not change so rapidly as do styles in business suits, yet there are some features to be noted in dress clothes. The evening dress coat has peaked lapels, a silk-faced roll which extends nearly to the bottom of the forepart, three buttons, a one-piece forepart, lapel and skirt. The vest is singlebreasted with a slightly convexed opening and it has medium length cutaway points. The trousers have fancy braid on the side seams, are moderately close fitting at the hips and slightly shaped to the legs. For the more conservative man, the coat has a shorter roll and is silk faced only to the buttonholes, has two buttons and strapless skirts. The vest has a shield shaped opening.

Worsteds are the prevailing fabric in this winter's suitings and they are to be seen at the local shops and stores in great variety, beautiful design and coloring. Worsted and wool suitings, well wearing, soft to the touch and elastic, are also great favorites, and fancy cheviots have lost nothing of their popularity. Checks are a pronounced feature in the designs of the season. some bold, but the predominating ones very neat, so neat that they almost give the appearance of mixtures. Stripes, which have always been popular, are much worn again, and the showings are handsome indeed. In colored goods, light grays are so distinctly in the lead that almost any other color is conspicuous, though browns are finding considerable favor. For overcoats fabrics are the same as for coats, and herringbone stripes will be prominent, although there is also a popular demand for checks. Trouserings show very little change, stripes being in predominance, but checks being also popular.

In overcoats the Chesterfield is the leader again for men who are particular in wishing to be known as good dressers. Beside being a handsome coat, it has the advantage of being correct for morning, afternoon and evening wear, and can be worn over any sort of suit. It has less bottom flare than last year and the roll is longer. The covert closely follows the Chesterfield in popularity and for morning wear it is the favorite. Then come the long single-breasted oversacks, generally with peaked lapels and hanging nearly straight. One of the swellest overcoats of the season is the Newmarket or double-breasted overfrock with hip flaps



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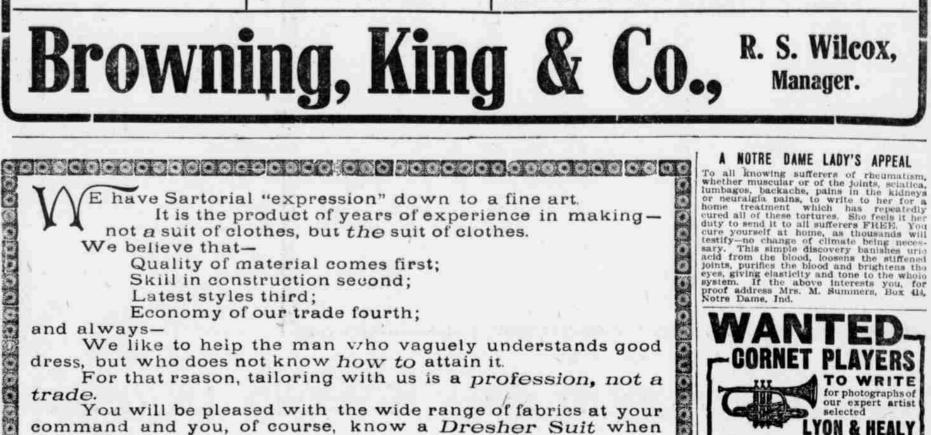


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Freak Footwear and Sober Shoes for Men

HE man who loves freakish foot- line of the sole curves almost in a semi wear can have his wildest whim circle toward the toe. The inside line runs on the same general last as the spike, but gratified this fall. After several out straight from the ball of the foot, not quite so pointed. The general buyer seasons of conservative lasts two forming an acute angle at the toe with the can find almost anything he wants in the entirely opposite types of eccen- curved outer line. The result is a shoe way of shapes.

tricities have pushed their way into that is comfortable, much more so than the the center of the show windows and narrow shoe of other years. But it cannot are demanding recognition of their ugli- be denied it lacks the grace and beauty of there is a marked tendency toward buttons. ness, for weither of them can lay much its forerunner. claim to grace or beauty in its makeup.

One of these types is the extreme spike type, but it represents the popular ideal in clerks note that many persons who have toe and the other is the short, stubby, narrow toes. In this type patent leather not worn buttons for years are buying heavy broad toe, the result of the recent uppers are the most prevalent. One of the them this fall. In the opinion of many endency toward comfort in footwear, extreme types has patent leather uppers, They have come as the result of the desire with brown leather tops. This gives a very dressier effect than the laced. Some peoof the shoe buying public for a change dressy effect, but it is almost too gaudy rom the conservative medium toe, which for the average man. Then there are all as prevailed for several seasons past, to of the usual kinds of leather, box calf, vicicomfort of all concerned.

One wing of the aforesaid public wanted something a little daintier than the medium The other type of the freak toe is also pearing in high shoes this fall. tue, and the other would be satisfied only broad at the ball, the two sides running with a creation of exactly the opposite almost parallel to the toe, which is slightly They wanted a return to the big rounded, but not enough to get rid of a and cumberous last of an exaggerated bull- very choppy effect. This shoe is said to dog style. The result is that both ex- be very comfortable, but its short, stubby tremes are on the market at the same time appearance will prevent a very large numand either one is considered quite the ber of people from taking advantage of its comfort. thing by the fastidious dresser,

This is an unusual situation as in other Like the pointed shoe, it is built with a masons one style held complete sway over high box toe, which, by the way, is one shoe world to the exclusion of all of the characteristics of this fall's styles. other types. Of course the man who In nearly all of the lasts the toe is built looked entirely to comfort, caring little for up high an inch or two from the end, althe dictates of fashion could get what he lowing for a slope toward the toe. The wanted all the time, but only one type of most popular stub is the vici kid or the shoe was the proper thing.

The extreme pointed toe as it appears to- last goes better with a dull-finish leather day is built on entirely different lines from than with the lighter enamels. the one that held dominion ten or fifteen representative of that style is built on last year. To suit those who like a con- browns and wine colors. Neat effects rule what is known as the "footform" last. It servative stub toe there are various styles, the market and within conservative limits is very broad at the ball and the outside longer in form, with a suspicion of a curve almost anything goes.

Laced shoes still predominate, though This is more noticeable in the pointed toe lasts than in the broader styles. Shoe The shoe described above is an extreme dress critics the buttoned shoe gives a ple naturally take to them in order to have something different from what they have been accustomed to. In laces the extremely broad linen lace, which was popu-

kid, wax kid, bell metal finish and a dozen other kinds in the pointed toe. lar last summer with Oxfords, seems to have made a good impression and is ap-

Dress shoes are almost as unchangeable as' the dress suit. The plain toe patent leather is really the only proper thing, but some cap toes are to be seen and are favorites, with many.

Hoslery for men, unlike shoes, is going back to plain, conservative colors. Gray which was a general favorite during the summer, is still popular, but is being replaced by blacks, purples and blues, either plain or with neat embroidery effects and clocks. The flashy, gaudy stripes of a few months ago will not be seen on good dressers this fall, though some very bright calf, although it is also to be found in colors are being worn. patent leather. The heavy, cumbersome

A new fad in the hosiery line is to have neckwear and socks match in color. For this reason many clothing stores are exyears ago. The present style is the result Between these two types are a host of hibiting their neckties and their hosiery of a compromise for comfort. Instead of combinations of the two. Conservative in the same case, ties and hose of the the dainty symmetrical creation of yore, toes can readily be secured and probably same color being placed side by side. The with the sides curving almost equally will be worn by the majority of buyers, navy blue ties are matched by navy blue toward the small, sharp toe, the present They are very similar to the style in vogue hosiery, the same being true of purples,



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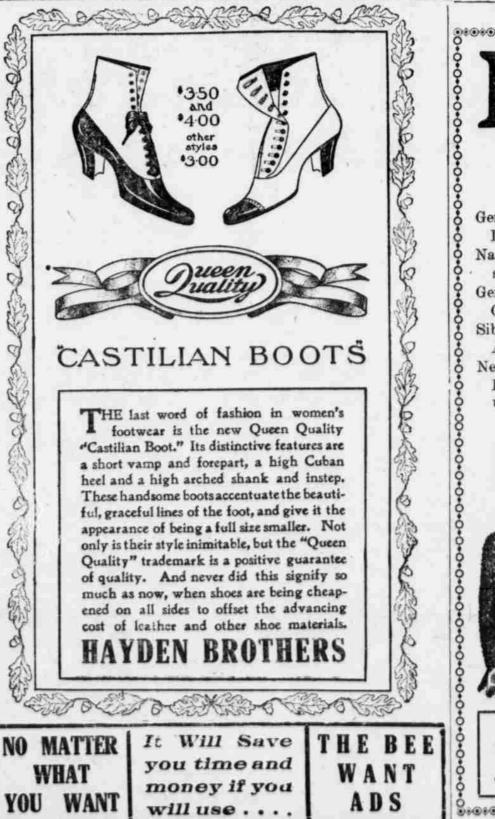
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