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FLAPPERS FLAUNT FADS IN FOOTWEAR

**Unbuckled Galoshes Flop Around
Their Legs and Winter Sport
Shoes Emphasize Their Feet.**

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**Arctic Leg and Foot Equipment Has
Been Adopted for Street
Wear.**

If you are observant you will have noticed within the last few weeks that there has, apparently been an increase of forgetfulness on the part of that portion of the feminine pedestrians in Broadway and Fifth Avenue which is classified as flapper. You will have noticed that they apparently had forgotten to buckle their overshoes and you will have noticed that they had taken to wearing overshoes without sufficient provocation on the part of the weather. If you are the parent of a flapper you will wonder at the sudden change of heart on her part which has led her to go to extremes in avoiding wet or even damp feet. Hitherto you have had little success in inducing her even to wear rubbers in a pouring rain and she insisted on wearing satin or suede slippers if the sidewalks were slushy or covered with snow. Now she dons her galoshes the first thing in the morning if the weather prediction is "unsettled." She comes home from school or from a shopping tour with the buckles unfastened and the long tops flapping against each other.

"Well, you are getting absent-minded," you say, "forgot to buckle your galoshes."

Everybody Wearing 'Em.

"Oh, no," she retorts, with the look of mingled pity, tolerance, scorn and resentment with which the true flapper receives any suggestion from her elders, "all the girls are wearing them that way now."

"Wherefore the reason?" you ask.

"Of course," she explains, "you couldn't be expected to know. You're still living in at least last year. But you have perhaps heard that there is a movie play, 'The Three Musketeers,' in which Douglas Fairbanks is the D'Artagnan. You may remember having seen, in the long ago, illustrated editions of Mr. Dumas's novel showing D'Artagnan in his musketeer costume. And you may possibly remember that he wore boots, with turned down tops, which flopped as he walked. It is merely that we girls are following the style set by D'Artagnan. You feel so sort of swashbuckly when you walk

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along with your overshoe tops flopping round your legs. And then it does attract attention to you."

The Winter sport shoe now affected by the flapper was designed and built originally for men golfers. It is constructed of horsehide and leather strips and has a gray green hue. Its general appearance is that of a racing mud scow. Last Summer it became the prevailing mode for "smart" men at the seashore and mountain and country resorts, being worn largely by those who still believe that "fore" is a mathematical term. With this footwear the proper apparel was knickerbockers and ribbed woolen stockings. If there ever was a shoe which increased the width, thickness, unshapeliness and general homeliness of the human foot and gave it a semi-clubby effect it was this particular Oxford. But the flapper has taken it to her heart and it has become her favorite walking boot.

Rebuke Inconsistent Parents.

You remark as you take daughter to lunch at the club that what was once considered inseparable from trimness and grace in feminine footwear has disappeared beneath the lines and bulk of a longshoreman's brogan.

"Yes," she replies, "the only thing that doesn't change in these piping times of peace is the consistency of parents. It used to be 'no wonder you women have corns, the way you pinch your feet with those narrow shoes, two sizes too small for you. Why don't you wear sensible shoes, shoes that give the blood in your feet some chance to circulate and room for your feet to hold their natural position like Miss Jones,' naming the old maid office stenographer. Now when we are doing that very thing, wearing these sport shoes that are the most comfortable thing we ever have worn, the most sensible, you switch around and tell us we have destroyed our 'dainty feet.'"

With the sport shoes the flapper wears heavy woolen stockings of the gaudiest hues and designs. The nearer to exciting a riot, the more dogs they scarce, the oftener necks are craned backward to view them, the more desirable these stockings become. The colors and designs most favored are those associated in the past with racetrack touts and jockeys, sporting gents of African ancestry and A. M. E. Zion Church picnics.

