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Sleek, New Shoes Tops in Fashion

It's getting harder than ever to keep up with children—and one of the reasons for the pace at which they travel lies in the sleek sports-car design of the leather shoes they wear.

The new long, low and sleek look is due first to new lightweight and more supple leather uppers on trim flexible leather soles, and secondly, to improved construction—which includes such things as softer and more flexible toe boxes and counters and leather linings and welts.

STYLES, too, have changed. From nursery school on, boys' shoes are definitely "for men only," and little girls' shoes show the sugar-and-spice influence.

The lad in the second grade may wear an oxford that's as conservative as the board chairman's or an exact copy of his college brother's.

In other words it may be a five- or six-eyelet with rounded sharkskin toe or it may be a low-cut one- or two-eyelet with a tapered toe in the continental manner.

But the most frequently seen oxford for young men will strike a compromise with three eyelets and a moderately tapered toe.

AND whether it's two eyelets or six, the boy's oxford will often feature combinations of leather textures with grained leather appearing as trim on the vamp, the toe, or around the top of smooth leather shoes.

Again the shoe may be entirely

of textured leather in a lightly etched, pebbly grain. Some Beau Brummels will boast such up-to-the-minute numbers as black smooth leather with grey suede trim-or moc toe styles in the new two-way brushed leather.

NEXT in popularity with the growing pencil-pusher will be the slip-on.

Boys' slip-ons, like their oxfords, may be round-toed or moderately tapered.

They also have all the traditional details of their fathers' shoes including all kinds of straps—the wide sabot strap, the bridle strap fastened at either side by brass or leather rings, monk straps, and crossed straps.

Military buckles also abound . . . as do the fringed ties and tassels from the Tyrol.

Little girls' loafers may be exact copies of their brothers' or they may be more feminine with drapes and tucks on the toe, inserts of vari-colored leather and high, peaked tongues.

BOTH GIRLS' and boys' loafers come in soft leathers such as suede, buffed or punched pig, or glove-tanned smooth leather. And—like their other shoes—they have trim leather soles.

Little girls now demand a shoe to wear with shirtwaist dresses and to parties. This is a pump, much like mother's fashionable

"little-heel" pumps. It frequently has the long, tapered toe of 1957, but is built on a last particularly suited to young feet.

It also features the sheathed look of mother's pump with high throat lines and trim on the toe or vamp.

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