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tongue Part of OXFORD shoe (see under FOOTWEAR) under the lacing. A **shawl tongue** is an extra-long tongue folded over the lacing, sometimes made with decorative fringed end, a style made fashionable when Prince of Wales wore it with kilts in Scotland in mid-1920s. Shoe with shawl tongue sometimes called **KILTIE SHOE** (see under FOOTWEAR). A similar construction consisting of an extra long leather tongue, often fringed at end, is called an **apron tongue**. It fits behind lacing, then flops over, covering laces completely. A **bellows tongue** is stitched to sides of vamp of shoe and pleated so it expands across instep. In shoes or boots for outdoor wear, it serves to keep out snow.

top boot See FOOTWEAR: JOCKEY BOOT.

topline The opening in the shoe around the ankle.

topsider See FOOTWEAR: SPERRY TOPSIDER®.

Totes® Trademark name for lightweight, fold-up unlined rubber boot, worn over shoes. Also called *stretch boot* or *rain boot*. The trademark also applies to a wide variety of other apparel products.

triple-needle toe See FOOTWEAR: NEEDLE TOE.

triple stitchdown See FOOTWEAR: STITCHDOWN SHOE CONSTRUCTION.

T-strap shoe/sandal Shoe made with a strap coming up from the vamp to join second strap across the instep, forming a T. May have high or low heel with open or closed shank. Popular since 1920s.



t-strap shoe
1928

turned shoe construction Lightweight shoe, usually in pump style, constructed by stitching sole to upper inside-out, then "turning" to right side with seams on inside.

tuxedo pump Low-heeled pump with rounded toe, usually made of patent leather with grosgrain trim around the collar of the shoe and a broad flat grosgrain bow on the vamp. Introduced in mid-1980s.

upper Shoe industry term for all parts of shoe above the sole. Includes the COUNTER, QUARTER, VAMP, and LINING (see under FOOTWEAR).

utility boot See FOOTWEAR: BOOT.

vamp Front part of shoe, covering toes and instep. The term has been used since 15th c., and was formerly called the *vamprey*.

veldtschoen construction Method of making shoes in which the UPPER (see FOOTWEAR) is turned out at the bottom edge, cemented, and stitched to the sole.

Vibram® A durable synthetic rubber usually used as a lug-type sole on hiking boots. Der. From the first syllables of the name of its inventor, Vitale Bramani, who wanted to make climbing shoes for Alpinists that would be useful not only at lower altitudes but also on the rocky surfaces encountered near the peaks.

vulcanized shoe construction Shoe construction that involves bonding a rubber outsole and heel to a shoe. Upper is tacked or stapled to insole and cement is applied to the shoe bottom. Sole is then inserted into a mold that was previously prepared for individual widths, sizes, and sole pattern. Heat and pressure hold the soling compound to the shoe.

waders Pants and boot in one piece reaching to above waist with suspenders over shoulders. Made of lightweight, flexible vinyl pressed to cotton jersey or rubber, welted to seamless boots with felt liners and cleated nonskid soles. Also called *fishing boot*. Also see FOOTWEAR: HIP BOOTS.

waist The narrow part of footwear between the toe and heel.

walkers Ankle-high laced shoe, usually made of white leather, with man-made or leather soles. Worn by children when first learning to walk.

walking shoe Any comfortable shoe with a relatively low heel, sometimes made with a cushion or crepe sole, worn more for comfort than style.

walled toe Deep toe cap with vertical edge at least 3/4" high.

wedge heel Slanted heel made in one piece with the sole of the shoe. Comes in low, medium, and high heights. Introduced in 1930s. Some heels are cut in one piece with a slight platform sole and are usually covered with jute,



wedge heel