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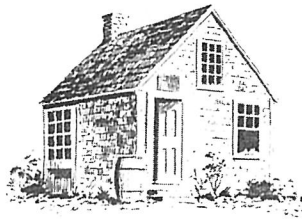
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tennis toe



Ten-footer.

worn by serious or professional tennis players. See *sports shoe*.

tennis toe. See *turf toe*.

tenotomy. Surgical removal of a tendon.

tensile strength. See *tear strength*.

tequa. A buckskin sandal worn by Indians of New Mexico.

territory. The geographical area assigned to a road salesperson such as a shoe traveler.

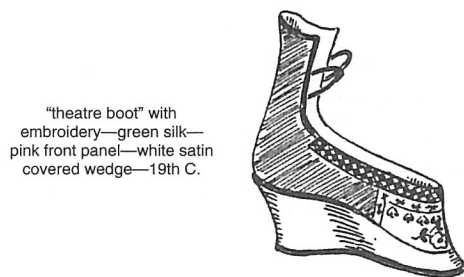
terry cloth. See *fabrics*.

test marketing. Testing a new product or service in a particular, selected marketplace prior to bringing it to a broader, full-scale market.

texture. The distinctive surface appearance and feel or touch response to a material such as leather, fabric or man-made materials.

thank-you note. A note or postcard sent to a customer by the store, expressing thanks or appreciation for a recent purchase. A customer-relations strategy.

theatre boot. See *deer foot*.



"theatre boot" with embroidery—green silk—pink front panel—white satin covered wedge—19th C.

Theatre boot.

theatrical shoe. Any special-function shoe used by a performer in a theatrical act. Usually associated with dancing such as tap, ballet, chorus line, etc.

theo tie. A pump-like shoe with an open front, held onto the foot at the instep with a ribbon, cord or lacing through one or two eyelets.

therapeutic. Any medical or mechanical application that is part of the therapy in the treatment of a bodily disorder.

three-quarter regent pump

therapy. 1) The treatment of a foot disease, injury, or disorder by medical or mechanical means, usually excluding surgery. 2) The use of special footwear or shoe modifications as an adjunct in the treatment of a foot or gait disorder.

thermal. Having to do with heat.

thermoplastic. A material that will repeatedly soften when heated and harden when cooled. While soft it can be molded and cast under heat and pressure. Various shoe materials and components (counters, box toes, some soles) are thermoplastic.

thermoset. Any material subject to a chemical reaction from heat or ultraviolet light so that the material cannot be fused or melted. Some such materials are used in shoe components.

thigh boot. See *boot*.

thimble. A metal sleeve or hole at the top of the last at the heel end to provide an opening for a mounting spindle or last pin.

thirty-four. A retail trade term meaning "go away." Said by one salesperson to another who is interfering with the customer or sale.

Thomas bar. See *bar*.

Thomas heel. See *heel*.

thong. A strip or cord of leather or rawhide used as a sandal or shoe fastening.



Thong sandal.

thread. A fine twist of fibrous filaments, smoother, stronger, and more pliable than yarn, hence more suitable for sewing. A variety of threads are used in footwear—cotton, silk, linen, nylon, orlon, rayon, etc.

three-quarter regent pump. A regent pump made with two separate quarters, having the collar piece extending from the forepart to the outside collar. The latter is seamed to a shorter extension from the forepart to the inside quarter at the side of the vamp throat.