

# Ida's Notebook



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Busy as I am with my garden at this time of year, I'm certainly glad we don't grow tobacco to add to the long hours. When I was a teenager my

father grew 15 acres of tobacco on two farms. I and my six younger sisters were expected to help pull the plants in the morning and sit on the planter behind the

horses all afternoon and plant at the exact moment that a squirt of water came from the barrel above.

The one nice thing about pulling plants from my Grandfather Shreiner's garden was looking forward to the big pitcher of lemonade which my Grandmother always brought us just as we thought we couldn't sit on that hard board above the plants and stretch for one more handful. The afternoons hot and dusty job was interrupted by frequent trips to the Conestoga for water to fill the big barrel on the planter. One time I persuaded my

sister to try walking on the water with her barefeet in five gallon buckets. It was fine as long as I helped her keep her balance but when I released my hold on her she fell into the water and we had to hide her wet clothes from our father as he didn't approve of any "fooling around." So, she had to wear a big coat all through the hot afternoon.

Come to think of it, growing tobacco really played an important part in my young life. Days and days were spent hoeing long row after long row - but I still enjoy the job of hoeing. It was during one of these

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hoeing sessions that my father informed me that I would be allowed to attend Business College in the fall. I'd always wanted to go to college and this was just a substitute but at least it got me away from home at a time when I needed some independence.

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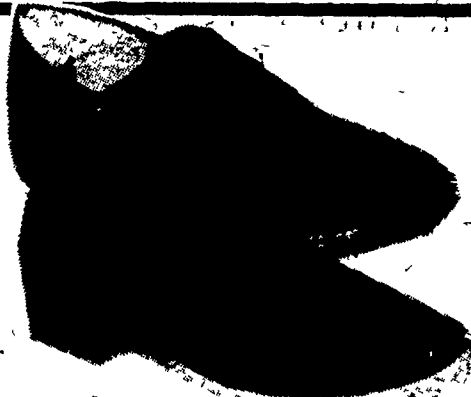


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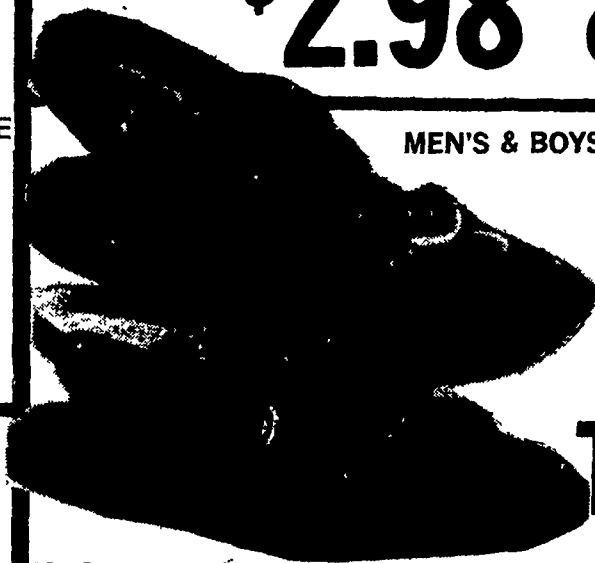


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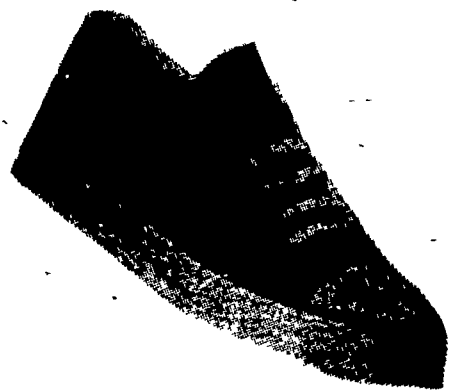


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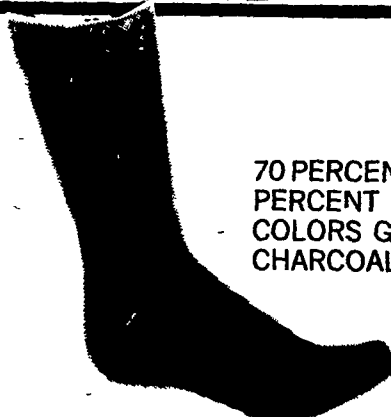


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