

They do say this sad old world always looks better to a woman if she's wearing a new hat; but as we turn from a window-shopping expedition at the home of the makers of footwear for royalty, we know ~~that~~ ^{that} the smartest ensemble can be ruined by shoes that are wrong. In any case --- it may be that hats are the line of vision for women --- but this is the viewpoint of men and dogs.

What --- you tee -- Brutus? [^]

In the spring weather --- perhaps you'll go for a stroll in the park in a suede sports shoe --- or a court shoe.

Or if you like the open toe --- there's this in ~~black~~ calf, with rhinestones and a slim, high heel.

Now it's lunch time. You have arranged to meet the boy-friend and you select a T-strap sandal in calf. With coloured studs, if he keeps you waiting, you can kick his teeth out.

But it seems the boy-friend is shoe-conscious too. ^M So you forgive him.

After lunch you come down the steps in these; they must have got switched when you slipped them off under the table.

For smart occasions later on in the day --- here's the "Sampler." Patent ~~black and white~~ black and white, criss-cross, ~~halter-back~~ halter-back sandal with stiletto heel. --- but it's not meant for standing about in puddles while you wait for a bus.

At dinner --- other smart girls may be wearing a silver diamante known as "strip tease", or a model called Varelle --- which is white satin diamante and studded heel.

A gracious staircase is the ideal place to show off a neat foot neatly-shod -- which may be why this black satin is called Limelight.

And for cocktail time --- here's one ~~in~~ in white satin with a ~~white~~ velvet bow. ^M

At the end of the day --- taking off your one white and one black mule, you discover to your fury that your husband has been wearing odd socks.