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Shoe and Leather Day, September 12, 1893 at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago.

The Shoe and Leather Building was made especially attractive on this day by elaborate decorations and the provision of music. No formal exercises were held, but a reception was given to invited guests. The distribution of souvenirs in the form of tiny boots and shoes was a feature of the day. The shoe factory in the gallery turned out thousands of shoes from raw material in sight of the visitors. A most unique and instructive part of the display was the evolution of foot wear prepared by Frank W. Norcross, editor of the Shoe and Leather Reporter. It included two hundred and thirty-five illustrations of different forms of shoes.



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