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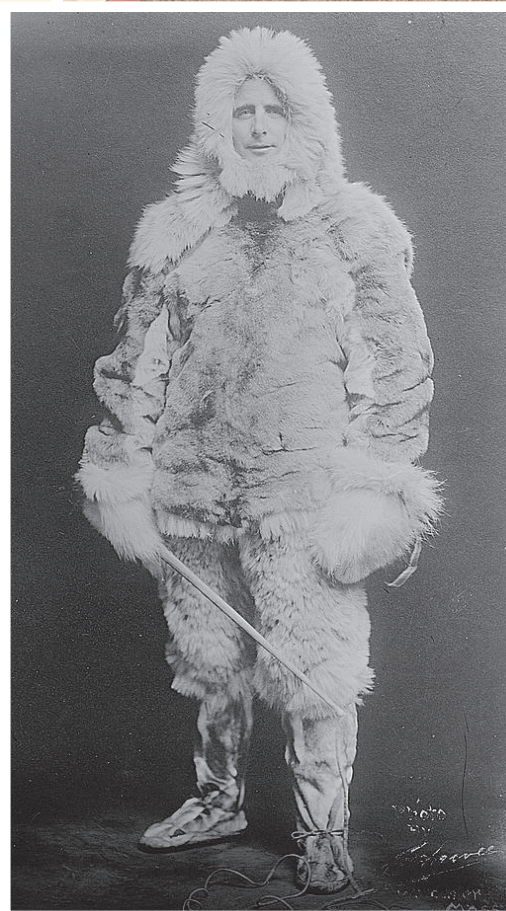
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FREEPORT, MAINE

Rhode Island Medical Journal Associate Editor **Kenneth S. Korr, MD**, reviews the May issue of the Journal outside L.L. Bean's in Freeport, Maine. Behind him is a sculpture of the iconic Bean Boot invented in 1911 by Leon Leonwood Bean after he returned from an outdoor expedition in the Maine woods with cold, damp feet. He combined leather uppers with rubber bottoms to create a waterproof boot with a local cobbler. In order to improve upon his design, he took out a loan for \$400 and set off to Boston, where he contracted with the US Rubber Company to produce a better quality rubber sole. By 1917, he had sold enough of his boots to buy a dedicated building for his shop on the main street of Freeport.



Original Bean Boot [PHOTO: L.L.BEAN]



In 1921, Rear Admiral Donald B. MacMillan, who accompanied Robert E. Peary's history-making expedition to the North Pole in 1908, found that the Bean Boot was superior in preventing hypothermia to fur boots and outfitted his Arctic expedition with L.L. Bean Boots. According to the L.L. Bean timeline on its website, MacMillan wrote to the company endorsing the qualities of the boot. "My men are very enthusiastic over their experience with your foot equipment on our last Arctic Expedition, finding it extremely practical, especially for fall and spring work."

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