



# Ravenous rodents, woolly worms and an early cricket season

Severe winters may be predicted well in advance – which is just as well, as you’ll have at least six weeks to wait once you’ve ordered your warmer wardrobe.

Several signs point to a harsher than usual hibernal period.

Household mice hungrier than usual? Time to upgrade the tweed two-piece - or at the very least exchange the light wool navy number for a stylish new serge suit.

Fat, furry caterpillars presage bitter cold – or form the ideal excuse

for that made-to-measure overcoat.

An unusual abundance of acorns? Better add some taller socks. Larger spiders’ webs, thick hair on the cow’s nape, woodpeckers sharing a tree – all these would have been familiar to Messrs T&G from our first days.

As for the cricket, if he visits your hearth before November, he’s telling you to order a stout worsted herringbone three-piece with turn-ups and slant pockets.

Resistance is futile.

## The little ice age

Mr Thresher began trading in a prolonged cold snap. In fact the winter of 1683-4 saw the deepest ice and the longest Frost Fair ever seen upon the Thames. An eyewitness:

*The Thames was so frozen that a great street from the Temple to Southwark was built with shops, and all manner of things sold.*

Mr T sold bodices, which can be made quite warm, so it’s hard to imagine an enterprising business in its maiden year not setting up a stall a short stroll away from its premises hard by the Inns of Court. Either way, in matters of severe weather, we know whereof we speak.



Mr Thresher thronged by crowds of cool customers

## On pre-Christmas bicycling

**You’ll need some lights. A lock. An impregnable sense of self-esteem. Oh, and a bicycle.**

A helmet is optional: there’s no evidence that their effect is on balance positive, but most these days vote with their heads.

As for the clothes south of the neck, one can cycle in anything - but you’d want it to be breathable, dirt-resistant

and stout of seat. If you intend to cycle in your suit (and Mr Thresher can’t be kept from the practice despite Mr Glenny’s imprecations), we can at least advise on fabrics not to choose.



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# Old twill, tweed, Nîmes and Genoa

One hears weather-appropriate fabrics bandied and nods along. But is one confident one could define them? Let us meander through a few.

**Twill** suggests it might share a root with twin or twice, and indeed does: the weft is passed over at least two warp threads to give the diagonal weave characteristic of a twill fabric. Most winter threads are made in twill of one sort or another, the better to keep out the wind.

**Serge** is a type of twill with diagonal lines on each side in a two-up, two-down weave. It featured in that great T&G invention, the Trench Coat, and is still favoured for military, police or indeed office winter uniforms.

**Tweed** may have a plain or twill



weave but is always relatively rough and especially durable. It's clearly popular for country wear and city overcoats but also these days for trendy young blades and retro Fender amplifiers.

Staying with the weekend, **Denim** acquired its name from Serge

de Nîmes, originally died with indigo on just the warp, the weft being left white – as on the inside of traditional jeans. Jeans themselves are named after the French for Genoa, viz. Gênes.

We could go on. Do let us know if you'd like us to.

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## On the Greatcoat



Nothing better befits a leader of men: see Wellington, Napoleon, Patton, Churchill. Now contrast with Lt Colombo, Inspector Clouseau and Frank Spencer. You see? Indisputable.

Nothing works as well as a made-to-measure overcoat, nor makes a finer future heirloom. When you consider alternative ways of spending the same money, and assuming one is already equipped with digital SLR, few come close in terms of memory generation.

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