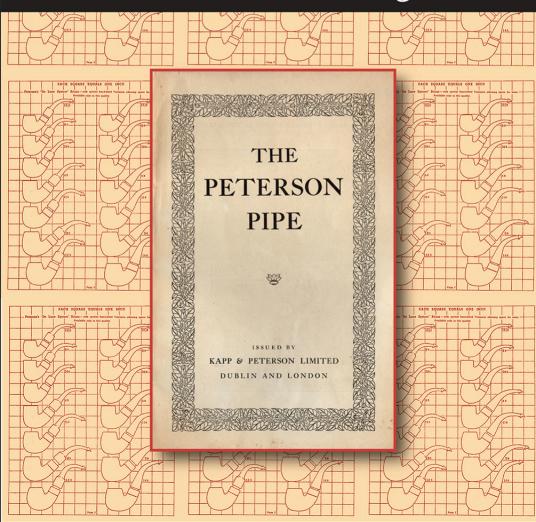
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# The 1940 Catalog



#### Historical Note

This slender 1940 Kapp & Peterson catalog was the product of a difficult year, both at home in Ireland and abroad. The Axis powers were in the ascent across Europe, Africa and Asia. In Europe, Belgium, Norway, and France had fallen to the Germans in the first half of the year. "Operation Dynamo," the heroic evacuation of Allied forces at Dunkirk, began in late May. The Battle of Britain, the greatest aerial war in history, was fought over southern England between July and October.

In Ireland, officials were secretly meeting with the British military to formulate "Plan W," in case of a German invasion. Publicly, Éamon de Valera, head of the Irish government, told Winston Church there would be no question of handing over Irish ports while the British retained control of Northern Ireland.

"The Emergency," as WWII was known in Ireland, brought increased privations to many in Ireland – white flour was just a memory to most, and coal for home-heating was non-existent, being diverted to industry. The bicycle was acknowledged as the most reliable means of transportation. But the Irish knew hard times, and life went on.

In their factory at 113 St. Stephen's Green, Kapp & Peterson struggled to keep about eighty workers employed. In London, their small factory in the Bradley Buildings on Lion Street, which had opened just a few years before, employed another dozen hands. A little more than half the workers in each were single women. Most employees lived within walking distance. Emblematic of the ambiguity of the times, perhaps, was the DUBLIN & LONDON high-grade line of pipes, stamped LONDON & DUBLIN if made in England.

Just three years before, K&P had issued a hand-engraved catalog of its most popular shapes, the most important since 1906. While greatly reduced in scope from its predecessor, it was illustrated at full size—the last time K&P would issue such a catalog. But the 1940 catalog is really little more than a brochure, an ephemeral buoy to keep the company's product afloat in an ever-dwindling market.

The two photographs included in the catalog were really taken over thirty years before —a young mustachioed Alfred Henry Kapp can just be made out in the lower photograph, and in a white coat at the rail next to him, Charles Peterson himself, who had died in 1919.

By 1942, there would be no Peterson pipes exported to the United States until the end of the Emergency. Yet such were the company's international bonds to their distributors and more importantly, to those who smoked their pipes, that K&P would rebound in the next decade, establishing themselves as one of the great marques in the world of pipes, especially among American smokers.

As 2016 closes on a dark and foreboding note, let us remember how the Pipe, in Charles Peterson's words from 1896, "has given relief and solace to overworked brains; how it has drawn men together everywhere in many a jovial social smoke, and added comfort to countless chimney corners."

> Nollaig shona dhaoibh! Merry Christmas to all!

Mark Irwin Christmas Eve, 2016 www.petersonpipenotes.com

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# THE PETERSON PIPE



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# Two Views of the Factory showing peterson's pipes in the making



At 113 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

# "PETERSON'S" The Pipe Supreme

N the year 1875 the firm of KAPP Bros. was established as retail tobacconists at 55 Grafton Street, Dublin. Three years later, entering into the manufacture of tobacco pipes, they secured the services of the late Mr. Charles Peterson, an expert in pipe-making in all its branches.

1890 saw the birth of the Peterson Patent Pipe. The addition of the Peterson Lip, which was introduced in 1898, brought to perfection the pipe which is now familiar to pipe smokers all over the world and has stood the "acid test" of more than half a century.

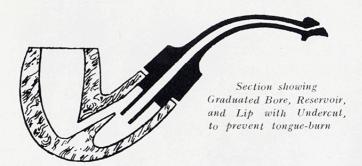
The world-wide popularity of the Peterson Pipe over such an extended period bears eloquent testimony both to the efficiency of the principles embodied in its construction and the high standard of material and workmanship which has been maintained throughout its history.

Time is the Test of Merit

# Peterson's "System" Pipes

(Illustrated on opposite page)

#### A Boon to the Sensitive Smoker



IF you are not familiar with the principle of the Peterson's "System" we would direct your attention to the following details as shown in the above diagram.

NOTE the simplicity of construction based on a scientific and effective graduation of the smoke passages.

NOTE the graduated bore of the mouthpiece through which moisture cannot be drawn back into the mouth. Immediately the moisture has entered the mouthpiece it flows freely to the reservoir and only the pure, cool and free smoke can reach the smoker's mouth.

The surplus moisture from the mouthpiece is retained in the reservoir at a lower level than the smoke passage in the bowl and cannot, therefore, reach the tobacco, not a particle of which is wasted.

As this smoke passage is considerably larger in diameter than the outlet at the lip end of the mouthpiece, a proportion of the smoke, instead of being inhaled directly from the burning tobacco, is continually cooling in the mouthpiece.

For the purpose of keeping this smoke passage free, a special metal pipe cleaner is presented gratis with each Peterson's "System" Pipe.

The Peterson Lip with its upward bore prevents the smoke from concentrating on any one portion of the mouth or tongue.

Additional comfort and protection for the tongue is secured by the grooved undercut in the lip of the mouthpiece.

# Have made the name PETERSON a household word throughout the world of smokers

# Peterson's "System" Pipes

The four models can be supplied in the following grades:—
"De Luxe" quality, "System" quality, "O" quality.

(i) Note the undermentioned regarding fitting styles of mouthpieces:—
(ii) This special hand fitted Vulcanite, leaving space between bowl and mouthpiece for wear, is supplied exclusively in De Luxe quality
(iii) This type of fitting is used on system "O" qualities.



Smoke perfectly dry and consume the tobacco to the last shred

# Peterson's "De Luxe" Pipes

#### THE PERFECTION OF THE

#### PIPE-MAKER'S ART

Each Peterson's "De Luxe" is made from carefully selected, age-mellowed root by master craftsmen. In its making nothing is left to chance. Any pipe in which the slightest imperfection is apparent at any stage of its manufacture is at once rejected.

Owing to a special process used in the course of its manufacture, a Peterson "De Luxe" pipe is a delight from the first smoke.

Peterson's "De Luxe" pipes can be supplied with either Peterson Lip or wide bore mouthpiece, according to taste.

#### Peterson's Dublin and London Briars

#### Made only from choicest materials

To smokers who prefer a medium colour in their pipe, we recommend the above grade Briars, and guarantee they will not be disappointed.

Specially selected bowls. Hand finished vulcanite mouthpieces made from best Para rubber, incorporating the special Peterson Lip.

Once your lips have touched a Peterson, no other pipe will smoke quite as sweet.

# Peterson's "Kapruf" Briars

A really good Briar in genuine Sandblast finish. Produced in response to a widespread demand. Fitted with best quality Vulcanite mouthpieces, Peterson Lip and Fishtail. Of special appeal to the sportsman.

#### "K" Briars

A popular pipe produced by Peterson's, of good quality Briar, fitted with ordinary lip mouthpieces only.

The same standard of workmanship is employed on these pipes as for our better qualities.

Peterson's Briars are made from First Grade materials only—
First in Quality and Finish.

For Illustrations see pages 6 & 7.

#### Illustrations of a few of the many



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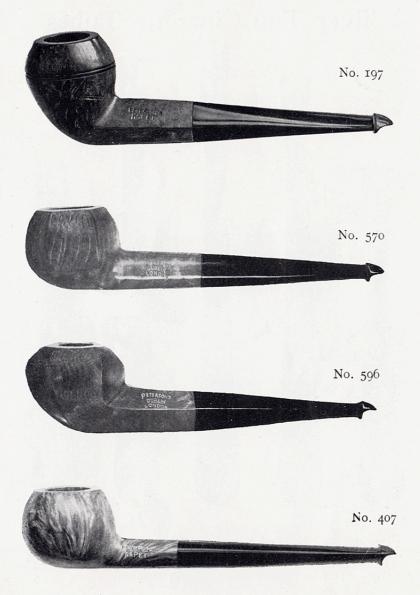
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3" No. 25 Smaller No. 455

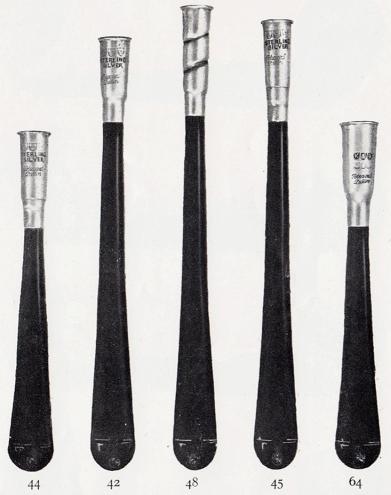
All Illustrations are 2/3 actual size.

#### shapes available in all qualities.



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#### Peterson's Handmade Silver Top Cigarette Tubes



#### Prevent burning of tongue and staining of fingers.

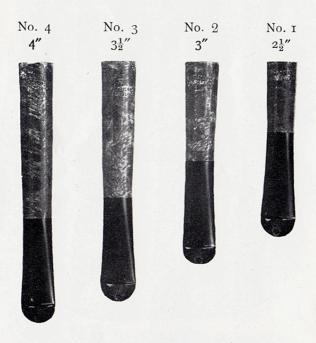
Nos. 44 and 45 are fitted with a sliding telescopic top which allows the smoked-out portion of cigarette to be "ejected" with ease.

No. 64 has the silver top "rifled" on the inside.

No. 48 has the silver top "rifled" on the outer casing, thus holding a cigarette of any size without pressure, also preventing the possibility of cigarette dropping from holder.

### Peterson's Cigarette Tubes

Briar and Vulcanite Tubes
of finest quality
with Lip or wide Bore Mouthpieces



Peterson's Cigarette Holders are ingenious, simple in construction and hygienic

## Peterson's Pipes

are made from the finest briar root which grows on the sunny Mediterranean shores. The word "Briar" is a form of the French word "Bruyere," which means Heath.



SPECIMEN OF BRIAR ROOT.

Botanical term "Erica Arborea," the Tree Heath. The shrub grows to a great height, but only the root can be utilised in the manufacture of

Peterson's World-famed Pipes

# Peterson's Straight Grain Briars

# An examination of the specimen of Briar root on opposite page

will show that the bowl about to be cut is of BIRD'S-EYE GRAIN. On cutting deeper into the root the grain appears to run in parallel lines.

This bowl when finished would be Bird's-Eye Grain on one side, and straight grain on the other.

The difficulty is to obtain a bowl with the grain straight on all sides. Such pieces are very rare.

Hundreds of grosses may be made before even one STRAIGHT GRAIN bowl comes to hand.



A thing of beauty and a joy for ever

# MEDALS AWARDED TO KAPP @ PETERSON, Ltd. FOR THE BEST PATENT PIPE

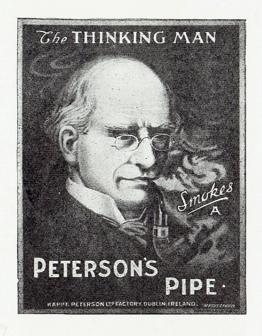
AND THE BEST FINISHED PIPE



London 1873 London 1905 London 1895 London 1906 Limerick 1906

Peterson's Pipes, after giving satisfaction to smokers the world over for more than fifty years, still maintain their popularity

# Men of Thought Men of Action



All agree as to the Merit of the Peterson Pipe

# PETERSON'S PIPES

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117 GRAFTON ST. 2 LR. O'CONNELL ST.

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