

Working with the Text

Q1. What was the author's opinion about Mr. Gessler as a bootmaker?

Ans. As per the author's opinion, Mr. Gessler was the best bootmaker in London. He made boots only after getting orders and what he made never failed to fit. The boots made by him lasted very long. They were mysterious and wonderful and having something beyond the temporary, some essence of boot stitched into them.

Q2. Why did the author visit the shop so infrequently?

Ans. The author visited the shop so infrequently because the boots made by Mr. Gessler lasted very long.

Q3. What was the effect on Mr. Gessler

of the author's remark about a certain pair of boots? ⁽²⁾

Ans When the author complained about the creaking of a certain pair of boots, Mr. Gessler got surprised. He told the author to return the boots. He also promised to take them back if he could not do anything with them.

Q.4. What was Mr. Gessler's complaint against "big firms"?

Ans. Mr. Gessler complained that the big firms didn't have self respect. They got the business by advertisement, not by work. They took the customers away from him. So, he had less work at that time. They didn't pay attention on quality.

Q.5. Why did the author order so many pairs of boots? Did he really need them?

Ans The author felt sorry when he came to know about Mr. Gessler's brother's death. So, in order to help him financially, he orders several pairs of boots. Actually he didn't need them.