

Pipe Compendium

COMOY'S
of London

Pipemakers since 1823

Guarantee

The bowls of COMOY'S pipes are guaranteed not to crack or burn within the first 90 days of normal use.

Stems and mouthpieces are not guaranteed but may be repaired for a moderate charge should they be damaged.

This guarantee applies only to the pipe originally purchased and not to any replacement pipe exchanged under this guarantee.

H. COMOY & COMPANY LTD.

Head Office:
72-82 Rosebery Avenue,
London, E.C.1.

Telephone: TERminus 1688

Cables: *Inland:* COMOYS LONDON
Foreign: COMOYS LONDON
E.C.1.

Associate companies in
United States of America
Canada
Australia

Distributors and Agents throughout the world.

The COMOY BRIAR Story

In 1825 an obscure woodcarver in the French Jura mountains started to make smoking pipes. His name was François COMOY. Today, nearly 140 years and five generations later, the COMOY family is still making pipes—the fame of which has spread across the world.

The story of COMOY'S pipes is indissolubly linked with the story of BRIAR, for François COMOY was undoubtedly one of the very first to realise the unrivalled qualities of this extraordinary wood. What is BRIAR? Basically a small tree, the white or tree heath, botanically speaking "Erica Arborea"; in French, "Bruyère", from which comes the English word "briar".

It grows only in the mountainous regions of countries bordering on the Mediterranean. Lack of soil and water, driving winds and scorching sunshine cause it to fight hard for its very existence. Relatively few plants survive. Those that do are tough and resilient and have been known to live for hundreds of years. Naturally enough, their strength lies in their roots, and it is from the burl which joins the roots to the stem that briar pipes are made.

Highly qualified teams of experts select the roots for pipemaking with meticulous care. Only at the onset of winter are the roots extracted. This ensures that the growth is dormant and the roots in peak condition. Fantastic precautions are taken to make certain that the roots reach the sawmills without deteriorating. They are then stored until the following summer in deep earthen trenches, thickly covered with ferns and continually sprayed with fine jets of crystal clear water from mountain streams. With the coming of the summer the burls are cut into small blocks called "ebauchons", a job requiring very great skill—and it is from these blocks that the pipes are ultimately made.

The blocks are boiled to remove any sap and tannic resins and then aged and dried in special sheds. This curing process helps to free the pores of the wood, so that it can "breathe" freely. Breathing is as vital to a good pipe as to a human being.

What are the peculiar advantages of BRIAR over all other materials used in making pipes? Firstly, without any doubt, its great resistance to heat and charring, so that it never requires fireproofing or lining. Secondly, its characteristic of not warping or cracking unless badly mishandled. Thirdly, its lightness of weight and its ability to take a high polish. Whilst these are the purely physical advantages of the material, any pipe lover will know further reasons why he smokes only a BRIAR pipe. He will talk of the way in which the flavour of the seasoned BRIAR joins with that of the tobacco to give it a sweet "nut-like" quality which enhances the pleasure in a way that nothing else ever can. He will talk also of the way the BRIAR remains sweet tasting, even after continued use (and often abuse). No other material has all these desirable characteristics in such a captivating form.

The COMOY BRIAR *Story*

PROCESS OF BOWL MAKING



TEN YEARS OLD BRIAR ROOT



FIFTY YEARS OLD



ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD



ÉBAUCHON



BOWL TURNED



STEM TURNED



BOWL FINISHED BY HAND

This, then, was the material that the COMOY family set out to master. That they did so was due to long years of painstaking and elaborate experiment. Secret processes, still used to this day and still exclusive to COMOY'S, were originated and developed, so that every COMOY'S pipe is the end-product of over 140 years of unbroken experience, combining the finest raw material with superlative craftsmanship.

In 1879, Henri COMOY—the third generation—took the decision which was to make the name of COMOY'S internationally famous. Taking a handful of skilled French pipe-makers with him, he opened a factory in London. With the years, this factory has become three factories, constituting



between them one of the largest briar pipe manufacturing units in the world.

Although technological progress has revolutionised many of the traditional pipemaking processes, nothing has happened to replace the craftsmanship which goes into every COMOY'S pipe. Rigid inspection at every stage of manufacture, right up to and including final despatch, guarantees that each pipe leaves the factory ready to give years of pleasure to its owner.

At all stages of COMOY'S progress there has been a fanatical devotion to the maintenance of impeccable standards of quality, backed up by the best possible service. In spite of all the pressures of a world dedicated to mass production we shall never depart from the ideals of craftsmanship which have always inspired us.

We genuinely believe that COMOY'S pipes are the best in the world. Countless pipe smokers agree with us.

COMOY'S BLUE RIBAND

The undisputed masterpiece at the pinnacle of COMOY'S achievement and correspondingly rare. Perhaps one bowl in every thousand will match the exacting standards set by the meticulous craftsmen who select and grade these bowls in the COMOY'S factories.

Each bowl combines complete absence of flaws with a beauty of grain which, when hand polished to its ultimate perfection, will bring joy to the heart of the connoisseur. More than 100 separate and individual operations go into the making of these collectors' pieces.



Illustrated here is a COMOY'S
BLUE RIBAND
Shape No. 182

COMOY'S BLUE RIBAND pipes are available in every one of the 108 "Regular" shapes shown on pages 9 to 21.

The shapes are of distinctive design, elegant and perfectly balanced for easy handling and comfortable smoking.

The *Slender-bite* Mouthpiece is hand fashioned from first quality ebonite. This original feature makes a COMOY'S pipe the most comfortable smoke in the world. The pre-charred bowl eliminates the need for "breaking in".

COMOY'S TRADITION



Shape 359

Introduced in 1925 to mark COMOY'S first century of pipe-making, COMOY'S Tradition is a favourite with the most critical and fastidious of pipe lovers. It symbolises all that its name implies—a proud tradition of skill, expert workmanship and quality second to none. Available in all "Regular" shapes.



1. **Carbonised bowls.** Every COMOY'S pipe has its bowl pre-charred before leaving the factory. To the pipe-smoker this means pleasure from the very first pipeful—no burning on the tongue.



2. **Slender-bite mouthpieces.** An exclusive COMOY'S innovation which make COMOY'S pipes the most comfortable of all to hold in the mouth.

COMOY'S LONDON PRIDE



Shape 126

Made from the heart of the finest briar root, the "natural" finish of this pipe will delight the eye of the most exacting smoker and afford him an ever-growing pleasure as its tan deepens in service. Available in all "Regular" shapes.

COMOY'S GRAND SLAM



Shape 4

The long-established favourite with the unique filter that really works (shown in the cut-out diagram). All moisture, tar and tobacco dust are firmly trapped in its fluid-tight condensing chamber and the outlet delivers only clean, cool, dry smoke. The bowl is of top quality briar and guaranteed flawless like all COMOY'S pipes. Available in all "Regular" shapes except Bents.



COMOY'S PIPE CARE



Follow these few simple rules to guarantee the maximum pleasure from your COMOY'S pipe.

Pack the tobacco firmly, but not too tightly. Do not fill a new pipe for the first time more than three-quarters full. Gradually increase the amount of tobacco for subsequent fillings.

SMOKE S-L-O-W-L-Y

Do not allow the carbon deposit in the bowl to exceed $\frac{1}{16}$ " (2 mm) or it may crack the bowl.



Never use a knife to remove carbon. Never refill a hot pipe. Clean your pipe often

COMOY'S SANDBLAST



Shape 28

The distinction of this pipe lies in the technique of processing the briar with heat and sand, which throws the natural beauty of the grain into bold relief. It is light in weight and its increased radiating surface makes it extra cool. Available in all "Regular" shapes.

PRIMA

Lined with hand-picked Turkish black Meerschaum, these first quality briars offer that "something extra" that the true pipe smoker is always seeking. Available in all "Regular" shapes.

MONOGRAM

This range of featherweight pipes is of top Comoy's quality in every respect. Designed for the man who prefers a very small pipe, it also appeals to the lady pipe smoker. Available in 18 special models in the "Lightweight" range.

EXTRAORDINAIRE

Really oversize pipes of an outstanding design and comfortable to smoke, these are true examples of the art of fine pipe-making. A complete range of 12 special models is available.

DE LUXE

Available in 14 Army styles in walnut and sandblast finishes, these fine pipes have their beauty enhanced by heavy gauge sterling silver bands, hand fitted by silversmiths. Available in BLUE RIBBON and LONDON PRIDE to special order.



Shape 554



Shape 506



Shape 343



Shape 70

COMOY'S LONDON PIPE COMPANY DIVISION

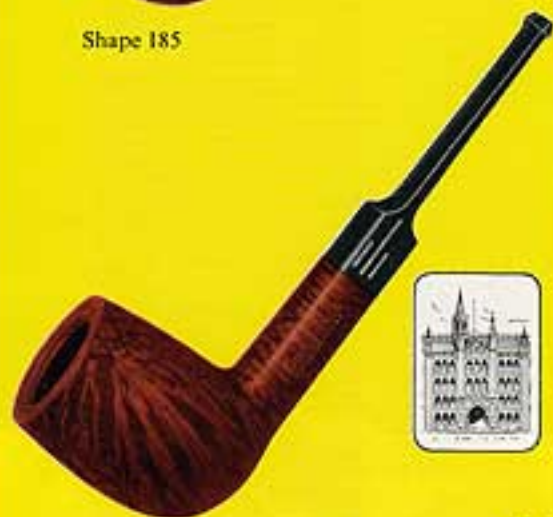


Shape 185



ACADEMY AWARD

This latest addition to the London Pipe Company series achieved instant success on launching as a truly "Internationally Famous" pipe. Superbly finished in natural and walnut and available in all "Regular" Shapes.

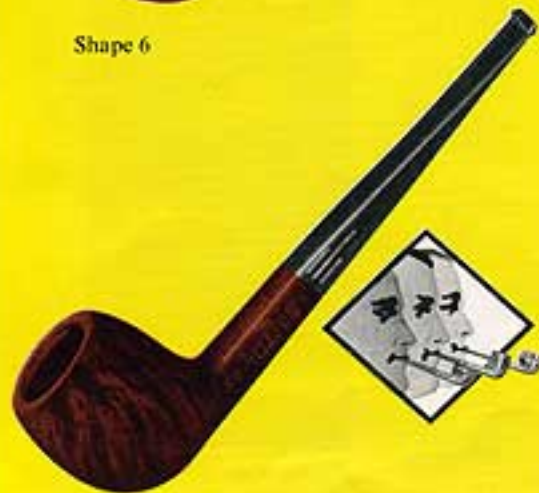


Shape 6



GUILDHALL

These briars are specially selected for distinctive grain and finished to show off their natural beauty to the best advantage. Considered by many smokers to be among the most beautiful pipes in the world. Available in all "Regular" shapes.



Shape 159



EVERYMAN

One of the largest-selling branded English pipes in the world and extremely moderately priced. Finished in walnut, natural or sandblast. Available in all "Regular" shapes.

The London Pipe Company's products are made with the same scrupulous care and attention to quality and finish as the higher priced "Comoy's" series of pipes.

COMOY'S PIPE SHAPES INDEX

FOUR RANGES

REGULAR

Billiards

PAGES

9, 10 and 11

Saddle Billiards

11 and 12

Liverpools

12

Globes

13

Lovats

14

Canadians

14

Pots

14 and 15

Bulldogs

16

Rhodesians

17

Dublins

17

Princes

18

Bulldogs

18

Bents

19

Miscellaneous

20 and 21

ARMY

22 and 23

LIGHTWEIGHT

24 and 25

EXTRAORDINAIRE

26 and 27

