R. H. Davis and American Shoes.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Referring to Mr. McGowin's defense of American shoe manufacturers "without knowing the facts in the case," I would say that American manufacturers furnished shoes with pasteboard soles to our army in 1861-1865. I can produce such shoes offered for sale inthis city. ROBERT GRIMSHAW.

New York, Dec. 10, 1915.

