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Cover image: An image showing the work of fashion designer Rachel Freire, who has worked closely with Ecco Leather in the Netherlands to put to good use waste material that's usually cut from hides. PHOTO: NATHAN GALLAGHER



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