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The gathering of the wall paper clans in New York City at the Gilsey House last month was marked by an exceedingly large attendance of buyers from all parts of the country. It is generally conceded that the market opened up in rather unsatisfactory shape, and on account of the fact that certain materials entering into the manufacture of wall paper (notably paper stock) had undergone some reduction, the buyers started in a dogged way to bear the market to its lowest point. They shopped around from room to room in the Gilsey with marked persistence without placing orders of any volume for some days. Naturally, under such strain, some of the makers broke down and booked orders at less prices than they could have obtained if they had held out to the end. The new design idea was rampant throughout the entire showing of all manufacturers. New designs by the score were shown by all the makers and the number of variations of each pattern was unusually

large. There was a great deal of talk in the lobby of the hotel to the effect that it would be impossible for certain factories to last for six months longer under the present methods of conducting business. Most of the wall paper factories are patrons of the paper trust, and this corporation is in no sense accommodating to its customers.—American Carpet and Upholstery Journal.

MR. FRASER'S RECOVERY.

Mr. W. A. Fraser, we are glad to learn, has recovered sufficiently from the results of his recent operation to be able to leave for his home in Georgetown. The operation—performed by Dr. Cotton—proved to be a much more serious one than was anticipated; indeed, it was the opinion of the surgeons, that had it been delayed a week or two later the excision of the appendix would, in all probability, have involved fatal consequences. Mr. Fraser's native grit and wiry constitution enabled him to rally when many another would have succumbed.

His numerous friends, and the many thousands of readers of his books as well, will be glad to know that Mr. Fraser will soon be able to resume his literary work, in which he bids fair to gain higher laurels even than those already won.

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