

**STYLES IN GENTLEMEN'S NECK WEAR.**

The new styles in neckwear that are now being placed on view show many novelties, says the *Chicago Dry Goods Reporter*. When it is considered the very restricted opportunities of display in the matter, it will be conceded that it requires no little ingenuity every year to supply articles of attractiveness. But this is done with a success and readiness that one wonders at. This year's showing is fully up to the standard—perhaps it is far beyond it.

One thing is certain, gaudiness in coloring and cumbersome eccentricity in shape have little place in this year's showing. The rules are quietness and becomingness.

Two leaders will be "The Rex," a four-in-hand with flowing ends, generally seen in black satin with a small figure, and the "Persian" goods.

The Carleton puff is one of the very few ties that promises to have any considerable devotees. There are some new shapes with excessively wide ends that can do duty either as an Ascot or a four-in-hand.

The English-de-Joinville, which is over forty inches in length and six inches wide, will be very stylish and may be tied in any shape, four-in-hand puff or bow.

In the colors, red, it is anticipated, will be a favorite. Plain black ties will be very stylish with dark gray suits. Lighter colors will be worn with black clothes. Polkadots are still in favor. Ladies will be large patrons of neckwear departments, and most likely being the color of their choice. All the ladies' ties will be in the four-in-hand shape, two inches wide and reaching to the belt.

**LEGAL TENDER SILVER IN THE LATIN UNION.**

M. de Loville, head of the statistical department of the French ministry, has written a paper on the present position of the Latin Union, chiefly considered from the point of view of legal tender silver circulation in France. He has arrived at conclusions differing radically from those put forward at the monetary conference by other authorities. He estimates the total legal tender silver circulation in France at \$420,000,000, including \$255,000,000 silver held in the Bank of France. Of this amount, \$280,000,000 consists of French five-franc pieces, about \$70,000,000 of Belgian coins, about \$65,000,000 of Italian coins, and the balance in Greek and Swiss silver money. Adding in the silver token money, the total silver money of France is estimated at about 500,000,000. These estimates differ radically from those of other experts, especially from those of the Belgian Minister of Finance. The latter at the conference estimated the total legal tender silver in circulation in the Latin Union at \$800,000,000, which would mean a circulation of \$380,000,000 outside of France. M. de Loville's estimate is probably the most accurate of the two. Under these circumstances dissolution of the Latin Union would entail unpleasant consequences only upon Italy which would have to find \$32,500,000 in gold at once to take back one-half its silver coinage. Under present conditions this

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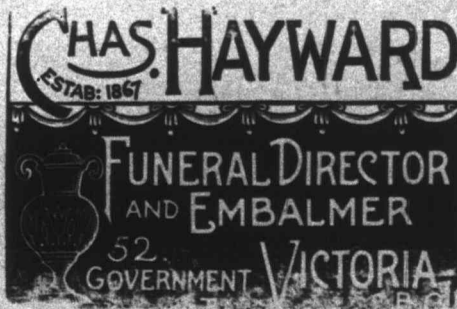
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would be a practical impossibility. Notice of dissolution, however, must be given one year ahead, dating from January 1. Consequently the union must endure at least to the close of 1895.



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