

GENERAL TRADE NOTES.

A GREAT many of the houses have begun to receive shipments of goods for fall delivery, such as woollen underwear and flannels, consequently the houses present a busy scene to the onlooker.

Wyld, Grasset & Darling are having a great demand for serges and light fancy worsteds.

John Macdonald & Co. have just received a large shipment of towels and towellings, which are of extra value.

Gordon McKay & Co. have made a large purchase of ladies Windsor ties and are offering exceptional value in this line.

Cashmere vests for gentlemen promise to be very fashionable this summer, and are shown in numerous styles and patterns.

Wyld, Grasset & Darling report a very fair lot of orders for fall delivery, but do not expect anything unusual in regard to the fall trade.

The travellers of A. A. Allan & Co. are out with samples of fall and winter goods. Their range of stiff hats, gloves and furs is very large.

John Macdonald & Co., have just received a large consignment of men's neckwear for immediate delivery. Their stock is unexcelled in point of variety.

The wide Windsors which ladies are wearing with blouses are having a very extensive sale. John Macdonald & Co. have had a very large trade in these.

A fresh lot of net veilings in black, cream and fawns are being shown by W. R. Brock & Co. They are also showing some beautiful lines of boating shawls and evening wraps.

Some very pretty novelties are being shown in French veilings by John McDonald & Co. The latest novelties are composition spot veilings and crepon-garuffie in the newest colors.

W. R. Brock & Co. are selling Hermsdorf's stainless hosiery and gloves in increasingly large quantities. They are exceptionally fine goods and are being sold at special prices. Each article bears a stamped guarantee.

Judging from its demand, the untearable silk glove sold by Caldecott, Burton and Spence, is becoming a universal favorite with the ladies for summer wear. Caldecott, Burton and Spence have a large stock of the famous Sonnette corsets.

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Orders are coming in for October dating, and are quite encouraging and becoming increasingly so. They will continue good, if warm weather is experienced in order to allow the retailer time and opportunity to work off his present stock.

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A prominent dry goods man maintains that in spite of the advance in cotton goods on account of the combination of the manufacturers, the goods being placed on the market from Canadian mills can compare favorably as regards price with the American cottons, quality and pattern considered.

Some special lines of Derby and Knot scarfs are being shown by Wyld, Grasset & Darling at \$2.25 and \$4 per dozen. They are also receiving some very large orders for fall delivery in umbrellas. There are many new novelties in handles this season, mostly in natural woods, the oxidized and horn handles have been retired from active demand.

John Macdonald & Co. have had a great sale for a line of Nottingham lace curtains, imitation of Swiss goods, which they were showing this season. They were of especial value and the demand

has been so active that they ordered and expect another shipment in a few days. Their stock of Swiss lace curtains has also attracted numerous buyers, and these hand-made patterns have had an extensive sale. This firm has also introduced a new line of tapestry table covers. These are French goods and very attractive.

A large shipment of English collars in various styles, has just been received by Wyld, Grasset & Darling. The height varies from one and a half inches to three inches. Their shape is exceedingly good as regards their adaptability to fit the neck of the wearer and for this reason this class of collars is in strong demand.

We notice John McDonald & Co. show a new and improved rubber carriage rug. The improvement consists of the rubber proofing being turned over about 12 inches on the inside of the bottom of the rug, thus saving the bottom from the destruction which the feet and the wet have hitherto caused. They deal extensively in rugs of every description.

Reports from the different mills engaged in manufacturing knit underwear, such as the Granite Mills, The Beaver Mills and Riverdale Mills show that these mills are running overtime in the attempt to fill their orders for woollen underwear, and the retailer who places his orders first for this class of goods is surest of having them filled, as the demand in September will undoubtedly be heavy.

An extensive shipment of muslin and cambric flouncing embroideries has arrived this week for John Macdonald & Co. In the narrow widths the patterns are good and the variety large, while in forty and forty-five inch flouncings they have some very beautiful goods. This shipment includes also children's flouncings in various widths.

THE DRUMMER'S WIFE.

Come, boys, fill your goblets again with red wine !

I have joined in your toasts, now join me in mine !

Yes, join in this health, as I rise to a theme—

'Tis as inspiring as love and as bright as a dream !

With a cup of devotion, the vintage of life,

I drink to that angel—the travelling man's wife.

Yes, I drink to that creature whose lot is to wait

For the sound of a footfall, the latch on the gate ;

Who welcomes the traveler home from his trips,

With joy in her heart and love on her lips ;

Who nestles beside him and sweetly beguiles

His care-burdened thoughts with caresses and smiles.

Who fervently prays as she kneels down to pack,

With tear-brimming eyelids, the drummer's gripsack,

That the Lord may watch over the wandering feet ;

Then bids him goodbye with a face bravely sweet ;

And when through the shadows his form disappears

Gives way to her sorrows in pitiful tears.

Who turns from the door to her boy, it may be,

Who joins in her weeping, and climbs to her knee ;

And kisses him fondly and tucks him to bed

When his feet have been bathed and his prayers said ;

Then follows the slumber that's troubled with dreams

Of a wreck and a death by the rain-swollen streams.

Anxiety, born of a sweet, loyal life,

Gives a careworn look to the traveling man's wife ;

But her voice grows softer along with the years,

Her soul grows bright with baptism of tears ;

And the woman is dearer by far to his heart

Than the maiden who faltered "Till death do us part."

They tell of a court in a country of light,

Where the wrongs of this world are at length set aright,

May the women whose smile is the light of our hearth

Receive there the peace that she knows not on earth !

This, this is my toast, and the prayer of a life

That forever is pledged to a traveling man's wife.

WILL S. SANFORD.