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Editorial.

DONSKOI WOOLS.

An English trade circular of recent date states that Donskoi wools are being neglected in Russia. Donskoi wools have for many years been the chief worsted wools in the manufacture of American carpets. The condition which is set forth in the English trade circular is an unusual one, for this is probably the first time in a great many years that has shown an absence of competition for these wools. There is something of a contradiction in the

situation, for this apparent neglect occurs at a time when the yield of these wools is diminishing. It is a well established fact that the production of Donskoi wools has shown a large falling off in recent years. It is unfortunate that no reliable statistics are available. Russia the last few years has turned her attention to them, particularly for army purposes. Italy has also come into the market for them, though she has not by any means become a factor in the market.

FABRIC PROBABILITIES.

The influence that the fashions set in the United States have on both fabrics and make up is very well shown by the course of the retail trade at present. English influences are of course felt chiefly in the most expensive lines, but the larger influence in the market is from the United States. For example we may consider the present cut and materials for men's trousers. The cut is exceedingly close fitting, and that throughout, while the English cut at present goes to the opposite extremity, except at the ankles, where a moderately tight fit is secured. The English materials are checked chiefly and are pronounced in design, while quiet shades and unobtrusive stripes prevail in the United States. This is also the fashion at present in Canada very largely, which indicates that we can study to advantage not only what is at present worn across the line, but also what the authorities consider probable. What bids fair to sell very largely in the United States next season, says the Textile World, is a melton fabric, in weight, heavy enough for both overcoatings and for suitings. The former should be 28 to 29 ounces, and the latter 21 to 22. The navies are the best colorings to make, and those which are olive, that is, grayish olive, are the most desirable, as are also the slate gray and regular gray mixes. In fact, these are good in any line of fabrics the coming season. Coverts will have a large sale, particularly fancy backs, but the competition will be keen, and in making this fabric it would be well to bear in mind the existing lines, several of which have a firm place in the market. The fabrics which are the safest to make, are those with a ribbed face, where the cord stands up well, and backed with a bright plaid. These covert fabrics will meet with competition in the large number of fabrics which will be placed on the market containing cotton. While there will be a large sale of this grade, still the manufacturer who keeps clear of them will do better, for in the better grades with less number of lines, there will be