

THE NEWEST IN LONDON HATS.

Looking at the new models in millinery this week, says the correspondent of a London paper, I am struck with the prominence given to peacock shades in ribbon and velvet. An original toque is composed entirely of small peacock eyes, mounted and forming upstanding and outspreading wings. The brim of the toque resembles the peacock's breast, while on the centre of the crown reposes the bird's head and neck, with the plumage arranged fan-fashion. Toques are becoming gradually smaller. A pretty but modest one is of peacock-green velvet, with peacock-hued ribbon, arranged in two fans across the front, and completed with a steel buckle. Two dark sable veils trim either side, but on the left side, in addition, is a tall black and white aigrette. In large hats, a new model in green velvet, rather a bright shade, has three rouleaux of satin, a little distance apart, round the jam-pot crown. A bright crimson rose lies on the outside edge of the brim, and black plumes mount guard behind. Myrtle green velvet is becoming popular for covering large hats, which have puffed brims. Blue and green pleated rosettes trim blue chenille and felt hats, with blue, green, and white wings artistically arranged at the sides, accompanied by an aigrette or marabout and buckle. Pink and turquoise blue, as fashionable colors in millinery, have lost ground, violet, blues and greens being without doubt la mode now.

THE RECOVERY OF DEBT.

Some curious features deserving the careful attention of traders appear in a case for the recovery of debt recently heard in the Manchester County Court, says an English exchange. Mr. Hale is a draper at Preston, and to his establishment came

Miss Russel, the eldest daughter of a gentleman of apparent position, living in that town. An order for various articles was given by Miss Russel, but before the bill was paid Mr. Russel became bankrupt. Mr. Hale claimed against the estate; but, at the same time, he also claimed payment from Miss Russel personally. In acting thus he made a mistake, for, on hearing of the latter claim the trustees to the bankrupt's estate rejected the proof of Mr. Hale's debt, as he was doubtless entitled to do under the circumstances. And when the creditor carried his claim against Miss Russel into the County Court he lost the case, as the judge rightly held that there was no liability. It can hardly be doubted that in the first instance Mr. Hale considered that he was giving credit to Mr. Russel; and as after her father's insolvency Miss Russel was compelled to earn her living as a governess, it was scarcely the right thing to endeavor to make her responsible for the debt she had incurred on her father's behalf. It is always disagreeable to lose money, but in the legal recovery of debts traders cannot be too careful to take proceedings only against the right persons.

THE SAMSON, KENNEDY ESTATE.

The sale of Manitoba lands held by the Samson, Kennedy estate takes place early this year, the assignee being authorized to sell them. The next meeting of the inspectors appointed at the Montreal meeting takes place in Toronto on Friday morning next, January 3rd, at 11 o'clock.

J. J. Baldwin, of Halifax, England, has obtained an injunction restraining the Forbes Co., of Canada, and any other makers, from using the trade mark Beehive in fingering yarns.

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