

## SHOE AND BOOTMAKERS' WORK.

The entries in this class were 51; consisting principally of side leather. David Pimsey, Cobourg, had a choice selection of gentlemen's wear, from the heavy clump'd winter boot to the finest dress gaiter. Almost every article was thoroughly hand-made, and calculated not only for show, but for practical purposes.

Norman's Patent non-elastic seamless gaiter is entitled to a short description, as it has much to recommend it. These boots have the shape of a gaiter, and, the uppers being cut in one piece, are stitched together in one place only, at the heel, where the whole length of the seam is about two inches. The boot opens behind, above the stiffener of the heel, thus receiving the foot in the same way as a slipper. Instead of the elastic sides, the boot is buckled round the ankle by means of two straps. There is no seam to rip or to press on the foot; there is no elastic to heat or squeeze the ankle; nor are the buckled straps liable to get out of order, as is generally the case with the elastic.

D'Ary's Curative Galvanic Sole.—This article decidedly merits attention. It is intended to fill a gap in the number of medico-electrical appliances. Every body knows the curative value of electric belts, collars, chains, wristbands, etc., and their great curative qualities. Yet their use is generally very inconvenient, and their prices unreasonably high. The galvanic sole, which can be procured at a small cost, is said to be not only quite as efficient as any of the other galvanic apparatus mentioned above, but also electrically to isolate the wearer's body from the earth, thus greatly increasing the effect of the galvanic current which it sends through all parts of the body. It is slipped into any boot or shoe like any common cork or felt sole.

## WOOLLEN AND COTTON GOODS.

There were 87 entries in this class, including blankets, flannels, cloths, gloves and carpetings. David Kitchen, Canning, and Mrs. Joseph Grand, Aberfoyle, exhibited splendid samples of woollen blankets of extra fineness of quality, for which they obtained 1st and 2nd prizes.

The Elora Carpet Manufacturing Company, represented by their agent, Messrs. Henry Graham & Co., Toronto, had on view some splendid samples of Canadian carpeting, consisting of extra super. two ply woollens (12 pieces) of excellent quality and brightness of colour. For wear as well as ornament these goods hold their own against any in the market.

In Cardigan jackets, gloves and drawers, the Ancaster Knitting Company stood first. Messrs. Bamford & Cartledge, Ancaster, also showed a splendid assortment of these articles, which were superior in quality and softness. In shawls, stockings, and drawers, M. A. McIntyre took the first prize.

Messrs. Skelton, Tooke & Co., Montreal, had a large and varied display of White Dress, Regatta, Oxford and Zephyr Shirts, also a large range of Linen Collars and Cuffs. This firm takes the credit of importing the first labour and machinery direct from Troy (the great centre for laundry work), in connection with their manufacturing establishment, and deserve the success they have attained in this important department. They are employing between 350 and 400 operatives, chiefly female, and are supplying most of the largest importing houses, who

formerly imported these goods. They show over thirty distinct styles of one quality, and, from the general appearance the most popular styles worn are plain fronts, corded, and others with coloured trimmings, having collars attached.

A prize for the best assortment of fur and sleigh robes was awarded to Henry Ferdinand. In leather gloves and mits, to H. Story, Acton; best home-made shawls, Platt Harman.

R. Walker & Sons, Toronto, were awarded 1st prize for best overcoating and clothing made of Canadian cloth.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

The articles under this heading each have their particular merits, which are worthy of attention:

The samples of hair goods displayed by Mr. Geo. Ellis, Yonge-street, were especially noticeable for their freshness, superior quality and variety. Every description of hair goods, human and artificial, gave evidence of superior workmanship. To the unprofessional eye, it was a matter of the utmost difficulty to determine the real from the imitation hair as worn by ladies. The designs were numerous and novel, and those mysterious coils of hair of wonderful construction, were subjects for an interesting study upon human vanity.

Mrs. Ellis, King-street West, also had an elaborate display of similar goods, "got up" in the best style.

The Ithaca, N. Y., Calendar Clock Company, represented by F. P. G. Taylor & Co., Toronto, sent in a number of clocks, possessing several novel and useful features. In addition to possessing the requirements of an ordinary time-piece, these clocks, by an ingenious contrivance, show the month of the year, the day of the week, the day of the month, and the hour of the day. They have not long been introduced in Toronto, but judging by the attraction they proved to the numberless visitors at the Exhibition, who seemed agreeably surprised at their efficiency, they will no doubt soon become widely known. A reliable time-piece is always worth money; but one combining such special advantages, is an additional recommendation in their favour. We hope to see them occupying a place in every banking and mercantile office.

Mr. James Authors, Toronto, has a small but excellent display of artificial limbs and orthopedic apparatus, combining an essential knowledge of art and science. The construction of an artificial leg, weighing less than a pound, was explained to us. This humane invention consists of a combination spring which adapts itself to the motions of the natural limb. The same mechanism gives motion to the foot as well as the upper portion of the leg. The article is elaborately cased in enamelled raw hide. In addition to this, Mr. Authors has a specialty for those afflicted with what is commonly called "hollow legs," extremely ingenious and interesting. Mr. Authors' knowledge of anatomy and physical science is varied and extensive, and from its ingenious application he may truly be considered a benefactor to his race.

W. R. Manger, Toronto, had on view a variety of grocers' furniture, consisting of canisters, vases, and tea-caddies japanned on wood. The varieties of designs were numerous, and the time and labour expended in making must have partaken of a large ingredient of patience. The samples on view were excellent specimens of workmanship in each instance.