

Chamois gloves, for men's wear, have gained a strong foothold.

The quantity of ostrich feathers catalogued for the last auction sale in London was 77,500 pounds.

Awning, tickings, plain and Oxford shirtings, apron gingham, plain Saxmies, dimities and shakers have all been advanced  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  per yard by Canadian manufacturers.

The Dominion Cotton Mills and the Cornwall and York Mills recently issued new quotations showing a rise of two cents per pound in cotton warp. Some time previous they had withdrawn the discount of five per cent.

A steam yacht that had become disabled near the mouth of the Delaware River was blown out to sea about fifteen miles. The crew and passengers reached port safely by improvising sails of Brussels carpets and rugs taken from the cabin floors.

The latest statistics of the export carpet trade of Great Britain show for the first six months of the year a total of 4,444,600 yards as compared with 4,002,200 in 1902, and 3,903,600, in 1901. The United States received 30,400 yards in June, against 26,000 last year, and 8,400 in 1901.

In reply to an enquirer from a town in the Western States, we may say that a considerable number of cotton flannel lined gloves and mitts are sold in Canada, and two or three factories make such goods in this country. The duty on this class of goods is 35 per cent. when coming from the United States.

Silk says that an unexpected vogue of silk wraps and coats during the remainder of this season and throughout the early part of the fall is predicted. Peau de soie, taffeta or pongee are likely to give way for heavier materials, and the next favorite is likely to be a weave either in the nature of crystal or bengaline. Cotele is the name these goods are likely to bear.

Sir William Holland, of Manchester, who was one of the delegates to the Trades Congress at Montreal, is one of those who believe that the West Indies have a great future before them for the cultivation of cotton. There is no doubt that both soil and climate conduce to the raising of a very superior quality of the fibre.

John Miller, managing director of the British Millerain Co., Halifax, England, recently spent some weeks in Canada. The Millerain process, which the firm controls, is said to render perfectly rainproof and dust and dirt proof the most delicate fabric without in any way affecting the porosity, wear, elasticity or color. By the process the fibres are so treated that they will not take up any moisture. They are absolutely rainproof, and the effect of a shower upon garments is to wash all dust and dirt off the cloth, instead of into the garments, as is usually the case. Cloth treated by this process is what is used so largely by the British Government in tents, blankets, khaki uniforms, etc.

The Philadelphia textile strike, like its predecessor at Lowell, has ended in a dismal failure for the strikers. After ten weeks of idleness and loss of wages to over 60,000 workmen, they have for the most part submitted, without any concessions being granted. Some thousands are still out, but their loss does not impede to any great extent the work of the mills. Their principal demands were a 55-hour week with a 60-hour pay, and in many cases an increase in the pay.

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