

selling agent for the firm. It is noteworthy that Mr. Etherington and Mr. Gates were born in the same town in England, and went to the same school, and now they find themselves side by side in the same city in Canada as manufacturers. S. Syer, who was formerly traveler for the Empire carpet factory and then induced Mr. Gates to move to St. Catharines in opposition to Mr. Etherington is now attempting to get a third carpet factory in operation in opposition to both. He has got some second-hand looms from the old factory run by Thos. Hudson at Meaford, whose works were closed up, and whose plant was seized by the town in consequence of default in regard to the bonus. The prospects of the third carpet factory in St. Catharines are evidently not brilliant.

A CASE of blood poisoning from the dye in colored tights is reported from Toronto. Charles Marlow, one of the performers at the Wild West Show now at Hanlan's Point, was taken to St. Michael's hospital with a swelled leg. A week previous he bruised his left leg below the knee, but paid no attention to it. The dye from his colored tights, coupled with the unsanitary condition of the car in which the performers are living on the Esplanade, gave rise to blood poisoning, and he is now in a dangerous state.

THE Ontario Glove Works, at Brockville, have put in considerable new machinery lately, including a steam cutter which cuts out six pairs of gloves at a time; and new laying-off machines heated by steam. Alterations have been made to the factory and stock-room, giving better facilities for manufacturing and arranging goods. Since the concern has been taken over by Mr. McLaren, this factory now makes its own McLa stock, and does a considerable amount of kid tanning. The firm have acquired the Canadian rights for a new style of suspender which they are now making in large quantities along with their gloves and mitts, and which appears to be taking well with the trade.

THE cloudiness and lifelessness of the colors of cloths which have undergone steam lustering upon a roller may be remedied as follows: Such goods require the most attentive treatment throughout all the stages of fulling and finishing. Since soda invariably turns white wool a little yellow, the latter is only to be washed; fulling is excluded, and it is to be treated only with urine and neutral soap. The wool lubricant must also be intelligently chosen, and a prolonged lying of the cloth in a wet condition is to be avoided under all circumstances. The steam-lustering is to be limited to the smallest degree, since steam also has a tendency to turn white wool yellow; in fact, it should be avoided altogether, if possible, and the cloth simply passed over the steam table. If not possible to do this, however, use only a low steam pressure and allow the steam to pass through the roller, until the cloth is thoroughly saturated with it. Then remove the cloth at once from the roller and let it cool. A white mix, however, will always become more or less yellow by steam lustering.

A NOVELTY has recently appeared in Chemnitz in the shape of hosiery, the idea being to repair hosiery so that it will appear as if new. To this end fast seams in the mesh are made across the toe, ankle, and heel. If, therefore, a hole appears in the toe, it is cut off and a new one attached, which is easily and quickly done by hand, the seam appearing practically the same as when new. In like manner the heel is repaired, or, in case of "general debility," the whole foot can be removed by cutting it off at the ankles. In order to make it possible for all to repair their own stockings, it is the design of the manufacturer to furnish with every dozen pairs of hosiery one dozen extra pairs of feet, three dozen pairs of toes, and three dozen pairs of heels. For the cheaper qualities of hosiery it is not likely this system would be demanded, says an English exchange, but in silk, silk-plaited, wool, and the higher priced cotton hosiery, it might be useful and economical. Whether it will meet with any degree of success remains to be seen, as many things of general utility are brought out which fail to catch the fancy of the people because of lack of push and enterprise in introducing them. However, the manufacturer of this hosiery has had sufficient confidence in it to take out letters patent in many countries to protect his system of manufacturing it.

THE contract for rebuilding the warehouses of Manchester, Robertson & Allison, St. John, N.B., which were badly damaged by fire recently, has been awarded to B. Mooney & Sons, who have begun work already. It will be completed in about two months.

In the case of J. E. Nelson Ratte, whom we mentioned last month as having been arrested for the alleged smuggling of furs into the United States, another development has taken place. George T. Buckingham, a special agent of the Treasury Department, stationed at Boston, who was the chief witness against Ratte and who was the principal cause of his arrest, has been dismissed from office. It is not known whether this is due to some political motive, or to the possibility that the American Government does not care to spend so much money in the attempt to capture alleged smugglers. Mr. Ratte does not know whether this dismissal will have any effect on his case; but he says he will have something to say at his trial which will startle several parties.

CHEMICALS AND DYESTUFFS.

Latest reports from the West say that many mills are closing down owing to scarcity of business. Notwithstanding these reports, the volume of trade is about up to average. The month of June showed a slight improvement over previous month. Quotations remain about the same as in our last report, and are as follows:

Bleaching powder.....	\$ 2 25	to \$ 2 50
Bicarb soda.....	2 25	" 2 35
Sal soda	0 70	" 0 75
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Caustic soda, 60°	2 30	" 2 50
Caustic soda, 70°	2 60	" 2 75
Chlorate of potash.....	0 20	" 0 22
Alum	1 40	" 1 50
Coppers	0 70	" 0 75
Sulphur flour	1 75	" 2 00
Sulphur roll	2 00	" 2 10
Sulphate of copper.....	4 00	" 5 00
White sugar of lead	0 07½	" 0 08½
Bich. potash	0 10	" 0 12
Sumac, Sicily, per ton	70 00	" 75 00
Soda ash, 48° to 58°	1 25	" 1 50
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Castor oil.....	0 06½	" 0 07
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