

PARASOLS FOR '98.

Little can yet be said of the forthcoming parasol, although the latest of last season will be taken into consideration and worked out with new ideas. In handles, the extreme small affairs of a year ago will not again receive such good attention. Dresden knobs and tasty hooks of this ware are the rage with New Yorkers, some very elaborate decorating being shown. Crystals of cut glass appearance, and in colors of pretty changing hues, are shown as novelties, and reported on as successful. Inlaid stones in horn heads produce a striking appearance, and are very low priced. Pearls, as shown on steel rod "tight rollers," are natty. Naturals in Furly and Congo woods, trimmed and plain, are, of course, staple.

In materials, serge and taffeta in good changeable effects claim first attention, closely followed with bordered ideas. Open work and lace trimmed are shown; creams for the hot weather, plain and frilled. The Irving Co., with plenty of push, are putting themselves well on top in this way. Situated in the centre of the business portion, they are controlling a smart and active trade.

JAPANESE FANCY SILKS.

Mr. W. Togou, of the firm of K. Ishikawa & Co., of Yokohama, one of the best known silk manufacturers of Japan, was seen in the firm's Montreal branch office last week. He had just returned from a trip extending from Halifax to Western Ontario, and has been away since last September showing samples of fancy silks for the next spring trade. He said that although it was just a year since they opened the branch office in Canada they had done a very large business, and that he was already in receipt of some very large import orders of fancy Japanese silks for the next spring trade from the best houses in the Dominion. This firm being manufacturers and direct importers from the Land of the Rising Sun, have the control of all fancy patterns used by them, and all samples shown by them have never been shown by any Canadian agent before. The prices are moderate and are taking well with the trade.

IN FURNISHINGS.

On December 2nd. S. Greenshields, Son & Co. open up for Christmas trade a large importation of lace curtains, curtain nets, sash nets, Irish point curtains, etc., consisting of Scotch, Nottingham and St. Gall goods, art muslins, Stamboul muslins, furniture sateens, cretonnes, etc., in all qualities and prices. Also a very special line in seven-yard curtains, three patterns ecru and white, to retail at \$1 a pair.

SOMETHING NEW.

Brophy, Cains & Co. have been showing for the past few weeks a range of curtains that up to the present have, they claim, been shown by no other house in Canada. They have booked large orders. They also have something new in curtain nets and dress nets.

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