

MEN'S FURNISHINGS—Continued.

when having a photograph taken—returning it the following day. The rule had not been posted up long before one of the wealthiest and most touchy of the customers wanted some neckties on approval. "What!" said he, "not send neckwear on approval? Why, I never heard of such a thing. In future, I shall go where they are more accommodating." And he thereupon left the counter very much annoyed.

Men's Fashions in London. Lord Ronald Gower has taken another "whack" at the silk hat in Summer by writing to *The Times* as follows during the hot spell which afflicted London at the end of July: "This torrid weather, and the oft-repeated presentations of Mr. Kruger in a tall, and generally seedy, hat, have, I rejoice to see, sensibly reduced the number of such hideous headgears in our streets. Of course, where the wearing of the frock coat (a most inartistic garment, as anyone who looks at our public statues must see) is a necessary evil, at those melancholy functions of garden parties and funerals—and even weddings—the tall hat will prevail; otherwise, we may hope that the day of the 'cylinder' as our neighbors call the top hat, are numbered."

During the heated term a certain number of people took his lordship's advice and went in for straw hats. London dealers sold an enormous quantity. Retailers report that, besides abnormal demand for straw hats, the alpaca coats were sought after, and even the white cotton umbrella, recognized in other countries as a valuable protection against the sun, is coming into favor. Light canvas crush hats were also worn, while the canvas helmet with green-shaded interior, was in demand. Many men going abroad took helmets of this kind with them.

The Summer ties, for variety of design and tasteful composition, compare with any previous year. The Briton's alleged love of sombreness and gloom is evidently a thing of the past—so far as his tie is concerned.

An "expert" writing in *London Fashion* on men's costumes for boating and other aquatic outings, says: "The ordinary coarse-plaited 'straw-yard' is undoubtedly more popular with the stylish river man than any other form of head-dress. Very few Panamas were seen at Henley regatta; and as to the horrifying top hat, it appeared to be strictly confined to the smart grooms of the riverside roads, who carried the lunch baskets of the well-to-do holiday-makers from dog cart to ralli car to punt, launch, or canoe. There is conspicuous absence on the Thames this year of colored ribbons, both as ties and hatbands. While there is no lack of color as regards loose fronted river-shirts, made either of linen, of linen and silk mixed, or of silk entirely, hatbands and bows are mostly black; and the colored handkerchief as a means of supporting the trousers has been almost entirely replaced by the brown leather belt. The most fashionable flannel jacket of all is a silver grey with white stripe. It is cut single breasted; the buttons are covered with same material; and the patch pockets are double sewn, as are also the seams, and front and bottom edges of the garment. The white linen duck trousers to be worn with this should not be too thin, or they will crumple and crease, and generally get out of order in a very short space of time. The stout linen duck is almost as cool as the thin kind, and it keeps its shape quite as well as the best flannel. Although a cotton duck has not such a rich look as a linen duck, and is, in point of fact, an inferior material so far as price and appearance are concerned, it is often worn by yachts-

men in preference to the finer kind, by reason of its being a little warmer and less giving to creasing.

To return to the get-up of the riverman of to-day. If he prefers trousers of the same material as his coat, and the material be mainly dark blue or medium or dark grey, he should have brown boots, but with white duck trousers the boots should be of white buckskin or white canvas with buckskin toecaps and lacehole fronts. A favorite color for the shirt, and one which certainly looks very well when the bow worn with it is black, is a faint heliotrope striped at two inch intervals with white and black hair lines. The white shirts of a canvas weave are also very stylish, and with these colored ribbon bows may be worn.

"I have lately been asked for information as to the latest fashion in dust coats. I have advised a drab Raglan of the very thinnest make. I would also draw the attention of readers to a natural color holland dust coat, made on the full ulster pattern, now very popular in Germany."

A man of note, who attended a swell dinner party the other night, says that the older men still wear their watch chains with evening dress, although the young man about town does not. Plain white studs are used in the shirts. The evening coat has four buttons. The white tie, of course, must be tied by hand.

News of the Trade.

Henderson, Hunt & McLaughlin have purchased the business of Fraser, Fraser & Co., St. John, N.B., and will carry on the clothing, men's furnishings and custom tailoring trade at the same stand. The members of the new firm are energetic men, well acquainted with the requirements of the community in their particular lines, and will make a big push for business. Their prospects for success are of the brightest.

W. C. Wood, of the firm of Closson & Wood, has purchased the men's furnishing establishment of W. G. Richardson & Co., Strathcona, N.W.T. Mr. Richardson joins the staff of W. T. Henry & Co.

Christie & Caron, Aylmer, Ont., have purchased the stock of ready-made clothing and furnishings of N. P. Finch, Paris, amounting to some \$5,000. Mr. W. S. Caron went to Paris and cleared out part of the stock before taking it to Aylmer.

Guy Bros., the enterprising proprietors of the Cornwall Steam Laundry, purchased the stock of McArthur & Co., and will continue the business at the old stand.

Los Angeles papers note the death there of R. M. Glass, a well-known commercial traveler, formerly of Adrian, Mich., and more recently of Vancouver. The deceased was but 42 years of age.

Messrs. A. McArthur and J. M. Harper, dry goods merchants and outfitters from Kamloops, B.C., where the firm has been established for 18 years, catering not only to the general public, but also to the miners of Quesnelle and Cariboo, have opened a dry goods department in Rossland under the management of H. M. Fraser, formerly of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Extensive repairs are being made at the store of F. Simard, St. Joseph street, Quebec. To improve the light the upper parts of the show windows have been provided with Luxfer Prisms. This makes the back of the store as light as the front, and will do away with the skylight well which occupies so much space in the three flats. The well will be floored, and thus the second and third flats will be greatly enlarged, permitting the establishment of a dressmaking department in the building. New counters are to be provided, and the millinery department is to be greatly improved.