

A combination of the cotton mills in Mexico is being formed.

The Standard Shirt Co. has been allowed to increase its capital stock from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000, and has been granted enlarged powers.

Alfred Dolge, formerly a felt manufacturer of Dolgeville, N.Y., whose felt shoes are universally used for winter wear in the northwestern parts of America, has gone into bankruptcy at Los Angeles, Cal.

Leopold Cassella & Co., of Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, have issued a card of samples of dyeings on woolen goods with ramie effects. They look well. Wm. J. Matheson & Co. carry a stock at 96 and 98 Foundling street, Montreal.

A new cloth which promises to sell freely is known as Enfir, a cloth with a bright panne finish, which gives it somewhat the appearance of satin. It is waterproof and unspottable. This patent finish is done on such cloths as satin cloth, Soleils, venetians, broadcloths and Amazon cloth.

The T. Eaton Co., finding it difficult to procure sufficient help in Toronto, has opened a branch in Hamilton, where a part of their manufacturing of clothing will be carried on, employment being given to 300 or 400 tailors and tailoresses at once. The warehouse of James W. Simpson, on Rebecca street, has been secured.

Molybdenite, or sulphide of molybdenum, about which a good deal has been said lately, and which is reported to be found in Canada, is used not only for hardening steel but for making molybdic acid and other commercial chemicals, some of which are used in dye works. Present production does not equal the demand and market values run from 10 cents to 30 cents per lb.

The Montreal Shirt and Overall Company, of Montreal, is applying for incorporation, with a capital of \$35,000, to take over the business of the Montreal Shirt and Overall Company, and to carry on the business of manufacturing and selling shirts and overalls, men's and children's clothing, and of general dealers in dry goods. The applicants are: Samuel Roman, Herbert E. M. Levine, William Roman, Marcus Roman and Sidney Levine, all of Montreal.

C. E. Sontum, Government commercial agent for Canada in Norway and Sweden, has just sent in his official report to the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa. He says the scarcity of water is seriously curtailing the output of pulp, as well as other timber. Similar reports have been received from Germany and Austria. As a result Mr. Sontum remarks that the price of pulp has advanced. He cites a sale of 400 tons of moist Scandinavian pulp at \$10 a ton f.o.b., for delivery in Germany. The cellulose manufacturers of Europe have agreed to restrict their output. This should tell in favor of Canadian pulp.

Advices from manufacturing centres indicate a good demand for woolen goods of Canadian make for both women's and men's wear. Mill owners say that the increase in business in this particular line is simply marvellous. Such goods as friezes and homespun are only limited in their sale to the ability of the mills to turn them out. Cheviot tweed suitings are being largely taken for fall and spring wear. In overcoatings the demand is for greys with rough and smooth finish. With regard to prices it may be said that there has been an advance in some of the finer lines of Canadian made woolen cloths. Plain bright-colored goods promise to be in favor for next spring. The prevailing colors are castor, fawns, browns, hussar blue, bright navys, cardinals, black and greys. A matting or canvas cloth effect will be popular.

Andrew N. McDowell, of Montreal, has withdrawn from the Canadian Wrapper Manufacturing Co. The firm is now composed of Louis Lipschitz and Abraham Saunders.

LITERARY NOTES.

With its November number *The Century* begins a Year of American Humor. Appropriately enough, it contains a twenty-page "Retrospect of American Humor," by Prof. W. P. Trent, of Columbia University, with portraits of Lowell, Warner, Holmes, Hart, Hay, Artemus Ward, Mark Twain, Stockton, Harris, Bunner, Field, Bill Nye, Riley, F. P. Dunne, George Ade and a score or so of others who have successfully sought to tickle the risibilities of the American people. The humor in this issue of the magazine includes "Two Little Tales," by that most famous of living fun-makers and satirists, Mark Twain; "Songs of the Cheerful People," by Paul Dunbar; "Mr. Appleby's Vote," by Catharine Glen; "The Indiscretion of John Henry," a story of a woman's club, by Walter Sawyer; "More Animals," in picture and verse, by Oliver Herford; another of "Patrolman Flynn's Adventures," by Elliott Flower; apothegms by Carolyn Wells, and three full page pictures of Don Quixote, as he appears to Andre Castaigne, Howard Pyle and A. I. Keller respectively. Much of the present number is devoted to the causes and consequences of the tragedy at Buffalo. "The Assassination of Kings and Presidents" is a discussion of the mental and moral questions involved, by the Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley, author of "Faith-Healing, Christian Science," etc. The Secretary of the Navy, the Hon. John D. Long, contributes "Some Personal Characteristics of President McKinley."

A climax to a year of remarkable advancement is *The Delineator* for December, between the covers of which is contained a rare collection of special features of varied interest. The winter fashions are pictured and described in detail; there is a delightful article on the Floral Fetes of Japan, illustrated in colors; the home surroundings of several stage favorites are entertainingly presented and described; there are three splendid stories by well-known authors, together with illustrated articles on holiday fancy-work, and home-made gifts; new recipes, entertainments, and a wealth of other material of a seasonable nature, devoted to the pleasure and profit of every member of the household.

The Canadian Magazine for November contains a number of very good pictures of the Duke's tour through Canada, with a few glimpses of His Royal Highness' personal peculiarities, by Joseph T. Clark; and an account of the tour by Norman Patterson. Gen. Stewart gives a character sketch of Archbishop Begin, of Quebec. Among other notable articles are "City Government in Canada," by S. Morley Wickett, and "What the Church Lacks," by the Rev. C. A. Eaton, late of Toronto, now of Cleveland.

The Ladies' Home Journal is going to both puzzle and reward its readers. Each month it is to present a page to be called "The Journal's Amusing Puzzles." This page will contain a certain number of small pictures, each one of which will represent the name of some well-known State, flower, historical character, etc., and for correct solutions of these pictures substantial rewards will be given. Some of the cleverest artists in the United States have been engaged to carry out this idea.

The October number of the Prince Edward Island Magazine contains among other articles, an account of the settlement at St. Peter's Harbor, another instalment of John MacSwain's