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GENERAL MATERIALS AT MESSRS GOULDING & SONS'.

The materials for the skilful milliner are so numerous this season that it is difficult to enumerate them. Amongst the latest may be mentioned the new canvas silk cloth, and the new metallic gauze tissue, both very much used for the higher grades in fashionable hats.

Flowers in their most natural forms will be more than ever employed for hat decoration, blending as they do so artistically with the soft chiffons, and gauzes, that will be used so freely for the coming season.

Lace in both cream and black is also very much in demand, and Swiss silk straw braids are decidedly the foundation material of all classes of hats and toques.

In the ordinary made dress shapes, chips, in an extra soft finish, are very good, but the coarser plaits in Swiss braids of many colors form the bulk of the hat shapes.

The new alpaca make of ribbon is the novelty in this class of goods, whilst moires and plain taffetas as well as a fancy gauze ribbon are much in evidence for early spring. Osprey, ostrich feather tips and plumes are still very popular; the former, owing to the demand at present, will be considerably higher in price as the season advances, this class of feather being very scarce. Jet ornaments of all kinds are still used, and gilt and paste cabuchons, etc., are new.

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POINTERS IN DRESS GOODS.

In dress goods Caldecott, Burton & Spence, who are authorities in this department, report an active demand for broche goods, combinations of silk and wool, in a range of neutral shades: greens, blues and reds, all of the æsthetic style as to colorings.

There is at the moment a demand for the better class of materials, as the ladies who wear them are generally early buyers, and during the next three or four weeks this will be the feature in fancy novelties.

There is also an active demand for shot lustres and two-tones, namely, combinations of navy and red, or brown and green, produced by the new methods of dyeing. Once these materials were dyed in the yarn and woven, but are now piece dyed. Caldecott, Burton & Spence are offering a range of two-tone broche effects, which will retail at 30 to 50c. a yard.

Serges, black, navy, etc., continue to sell well, being of a useful nature suited to the spring trade. Black figured dress goods in lustres, sicilians and crepe effects, are having a fair sale, and while the call for henriettas is not as large as it used to be, there is still a fair quantity in demand.

JOB'S IN STAPLES.

Special features in staples this week with Wyld, Grasett & Darling comprise linen towels and towellings, some special drives in cotton towels, prints, cretonnes, and a large variety in art draperies. American gingham in all the new colorings are shown. Some job lines in Grandrill shirtings and grey and white cottons are worth enquiry by the trade.



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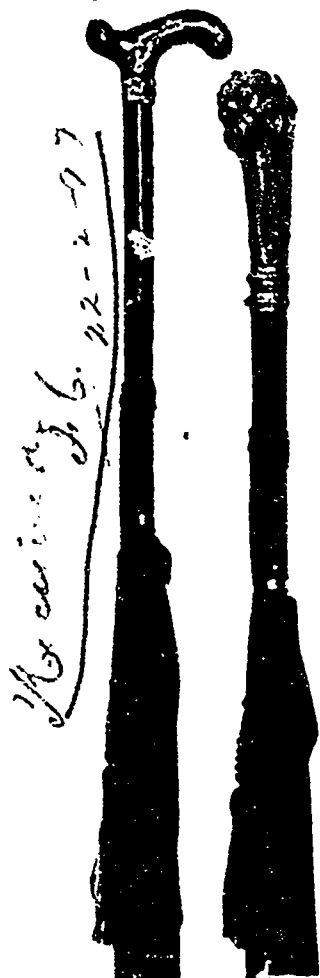
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