

25s., against 30s. to 40s. for English boots. The common boots used by workmen and a little by natives come from the Cape Colony. Duty, hobnailed boots, 10d. per kilo.; not hobnailed, 4s. 5d. per kilo. Shirts, cotton, for natives, at 1s. 8d. each; duty, 10d. per kilo; umbrellas, multi-colored, at 1s. 8d. each; duty, 3d. each. The price of 1s. 8d. attached to so many articles of native trade, represents 500 reis, the coin for which is that most often in the hands of natives and best understood by them.

STEAM FIRE ENGINES WANTED IN FRANCE.

Several cities in the consular district of Cognac, which at present have no effective fire department, anticipate purchasing steam fire-engines. Cognac already has a fund for this purpose. Manufacturers should address M. E. Jouard, No. 1, rue Louise de Savoie, Cognac, Charente, France.

PAPER IN GUATEMALA.

Germany stands first in the paper trade of Guatemala, but France takes a good second, and would do better still if attention were paid to the tastes and requirements of the country. The chief demand is for wood papers coming from Germany, Austria and Belgium, of a strength of 3, 4 and 5 kilos. (this latter weight being in great demand); the usual size is that known as Sittriss $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ foolscap. Ruled paper is not in much demand owing to the dearness of hand labor and the scarcity of ruling machines. Unruled paper constitutes 25 per cent. of the total trade. Ruled paper comprises "office," 50 per cent. of the total trade; "margin," 15 per cent., and "invoice," 10 per cent. Plain unruled paper is used largely in 3 kilos. weight, and laid paper is used by cigarette factors. Current prices to sample are frcs. 65 per 100 kilos. in reams of 480 sheets, packed in half-reams; ruling is included in this price. Drawing paper comes from France and straw packing paper from Germany. Tissue paper comes from Austria; white kinds, 4 frcs. per ream, colored, from 10 frcs. per ream according to color. Cigarette paper comes from Spain. Bardou rice paper is imitated and sold at a low price in Austria and Germany; a lot of it is sold in Salvador. Printing paper comes from Germany, Austria, Belgium and the United States (especially). Envelopes.—The usual Italian, French and German sizes are employed, but those coming from the United States are preferred. Prices are 24 by 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, frcs. 6.25, and 28 by 12, frcs. 8.15. Wall Papers.—These come almost exclusively from France. The Customs duties per kilo upon paper are as follows, in piastres; cotton paper, colored and of all classes,