

A NEAT CATALOGUE.

MESSRS. GILLESPIE, ANSLEY & DIXON have just issued a most artistic catalogue. They are manufacturers of all kinds of fur goods, and also deal extensively in hats, caps and straw goods. The cover is an original design, containing a neat representation of their large warehouse at 58 and 60 Wellington street west. On the first page is a neat photograph containing in the centre the picture of the manager, Mr. A. Ansley, and also the pictures of their six travellers. The rest of the catalogue is made up of full page lithographs showing the finest quality of artistic workmanship and delicate coloring. These lithographs show the leading styles in fur garments carried by this firm. Among the styles of ladies' jackets shown, the seal box coat is the most extreme design, but all are new and taking. Numerous styles of shoulder capes are shown, and the styles are equal to the leading designs in New York or London. Besides these the catalogue exhibits the leading lines in storm, blizzard and medley collars, bonas and victorines, ladies' muffs and caps, men's coats and caps, collars and gauntlets. They are sole agents here for Christy's goods, and do a large business in this and other leading lines of hats. They also carry a full stock of hat-makers' requisites, such as brass window stands, size rings, brushes, etc.

A CITY MADE BY HATS.

In very few manufacturing towns or cities of this country is the population entirely dependent upon one industry for a livelihood. In Pullman, Homestead, Bethlehem, and perhaps South Bend, this is the case, but in each one of these instances a town has grown up round one mammoth establishment which may have separate departments, but in which the capital invested is controlled by one individual, firm or stock company. In the city of Danbury there is no such concentration of capital. It is the great hat centre of the United States. Its population of over 20,000 is entirely dependent upon the making of hats. At least one-third of all the hats manufactured in this country are turned out in Danbury. In fact there is nothing manufactured here that does not have some bearing upon this one leading industry. But there is no community of interests between the factories, no distribution of profits among owners of separate establishments. The proprietors of the twenty-six hat factories situated in the city are, with but few exceptions, men of exceedingly moderate fortunes. They have the earnings of a lifetime invested in their business. Most of them have risen from the foot of the ladder. The process of hat making, from forming to setting, is as well known to them by practical experience and years of work at the bench as it is to the hundreds of men whom they employ. There are few retired hat manufacturers. Those who have engaged in the hat industry seldom willingly retire; old age alone compels them to give up. It is the rule rather than the exception that owners of factories originally were workmen. They began in a small way to manufacture, and gradually improve their plants to meet the demand. Chicago Apparel Gazette

LONDON SALES.

Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co. will hold their sales of general furs on the 21st and 22nd of November, on which dates they will offer racoon, skunk, American opossum, mink, marten, Russian sable, gray fox, bear, wolf, Japanese fox, Australian opossum, walaby, wombat, chinchilla, monkey, red fox, white fox, otter, Thibet lamb. Owing to the late arrival of the seal skins the sale will be held on November 23, on which date there will be offered the following quantities of salted fur seals: Alaska, 7,500; Copper Islands, 30,000; North West Coast, Cape Horn and South Sea, 20,000 skins.

FANCY SPRING TWEEDS.

Mr. A. Hudson, representing Holland & Sherry, 7 Warwick street, London, W., England, is now in Canada showing samples of novelties in woollens and worsteds for next spring and the summer season. His assortment this year includes a large variety of costume cloths, livery goods, riding tweeds, fancy vestings, silks, Italian cloths and trimmings. The prevailing colors are greys, and the designs are exclusively their own. The leading West End suitings next year will be composed of fine Vicuna wools, forming whip cord effects. Neat, quiet patterns will continue the most popular. A feature about this firm's goods is that they are shrunk. When the cloth is received from the factory it is put into tanks of cold water, and remains there for some days; then it is hung up to dry, and afterwards passed through a hydraulic press. The pieces then go to the examining room, where they are thoroughly examined and every defect is marked by putting a small piece of twine on the edge opposite the defect. If the defects are numerous the piece is returned to the maker. If the defects are only those which come from the usual process of manufacture it is allowed to pass, the bits of twine remaining in to show the tailor where the defects are, so that he may cut his cloth accordingly.

Orders are being placed very strong for boating and tennis flannels. The past season saw but a limited number of patterns and qualities of these goods offered to the Canadian public; but next season the variety will be much larger. This will no doubt stimulate the demand into greater activity. Judging from the orders already placed there will be a large sale of these light colored suitings next spring.

FUR TRIMMINGS.

At this early day the high-class retailers and modistes are showing cloths and reps trimmed with Astrachan and mink chiefly, though beaver will be worn later on, as it has been selling very well at the large manufactories. One of the newest ideas in fur trimmings is to use two kinds on one garment, a flat and long-haired variety, placing the bands side by side, as mink and lynx, Persian lamb and brown bear.

Narrow edgings from one to two inches on the felt will head self-folds on skirts or be put on alone, and bias borders of the goods or of velvet will

be piped with the finest edging of fur. Cuffs are to be trimmed with a piping or band, collars the same, also girdles, belts, and corselets. The long Russian blouse belted with the skin of the animal, the head and tail crossing in front, and collars are trimmed to correspond.

From the fact that very narrow trimmings are in vogue, many will be able to indulge in them that have not been able to before. The jacket effects now popular for corsages, whether as fronts only or fronts and a slashed back, offer a field for fur, as the edges of French dresses made in this manner are piped with it, and plaid and draped silk or cloth vests are edged with a band of fur or with Directoire revers piped with the ever-attractive fur.—Economist.

AS THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY.



Mrs. Boozey (short-sighted)—"I can't understand what fun Boozey sees in everlastingly peekin' through that there old telescope."



Boozey (between the gulps)—"Tell ye what, but this telescope racket works splendid. It's a good job that the old lady hasn't asked to look through it, though."