

in these are selling extremely well in the very best qualities. This newest shape in a stiff hat is considerably lower in the crown and broader brimmed, while the leading colors are Havana, California cedar, and golden brown and black, which are always fashionable.

In straws, sailors predominate. A low crown and a wide brim are the features. The leading braids are the Pedal, Canton, Railroad and Milan.

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The most costly of all furs is the black fox of Kamschatka, which dresses a very pretty blue. These animals are very scarce and hard to kill. A single skin, as a rule, sells for about \$1,000.

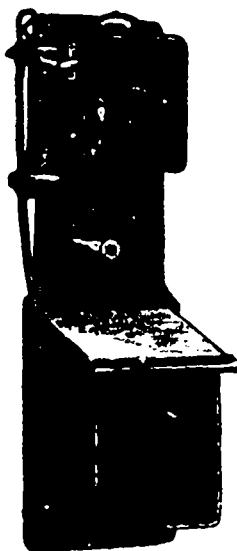
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A Vancouver furrier exhibited a short time ago what he claimed were the pelts of five white foxes. The man is an expert naturalist, and has been dealing in furs in the Northwest for forty years. He says these are the first white foxes he ever heard of, but he is absolutely sure the pelts are genuine fox skins. The conformation has been carefully preserved, and the big brush is, of course, attached. The fur is snow-white, spotless, and beautifully soft. The furrier bought them from a seal hunter who caught the foxes at the last station to the north of Eastern Siberia, several hundred miles north of Petropalovsky.

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A cable from St. John's, Nfld., says the seal fishery this season is likely to be a total failure. A schooner which has just arrived there, partly loaded, reports she spoke the sealing steamers on Saturday off Funks. They reported their catch as follows:

Diana, three thousand; Falcon, three thousand; Iceland, two thousand; Terra Nova, two thousand; Greenland, one thousand; Neptune, six hundred; Vanguard, none; Walrus, none; Leopard, none. Any of these steamers could easily carry thirty thousand seals. The steamer Eagle was fairly well loaded with hoods. The steamer Esquimaux was not seen. The remaining eight had similar fares. The probable total catch will be the smallest for many years, if not the worst in the sealing record of the ancient colony. The poor catch will have a terribly depressing effect on business in Newfoundland.



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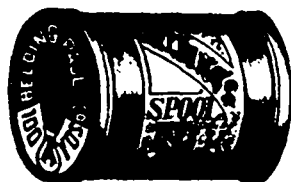
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