

stands at £44; best Livonian C £32 10s. for K, £42 10s. for ZK, and Hoffs at £28. Tows of fine quality are firm, though some business is said to have gone through in buyers' favor. Ordinary tows are easy, but are unreliable in quality, and spinners act with caution. Yarns are firm and the demand fair for heavier sizes of flax. Tow warps fully maintain their value and move off in some quantity, 5 lb. tow being done at 2s. 4½d. to 2s. 6d., according to spin. Tow wefts are not any better, and bleachers offer below spinners' rates. The present quotation for 4-lb. tow weft is 1s. 10½d. to 1s. 11d., and other sizes in proportion. Jute during the past week has remained stationary. Spinners are holding off and are looking for lower values. Yarns show no improvement, and the short-time movement has not yet told on the market. Common 8-lb. cops are said to have been done largely at 1s. 4d., and it is with difficulty spinners can get 1s. 4¼d.; 8-lb. jute warps are sold freely at 1s. 5d. for spools. Heavies are in fair demand, and there are many inquiries for twists—which is an important growing feature of the local trade. The demand for jute cloth is better, but there is no change in prices.

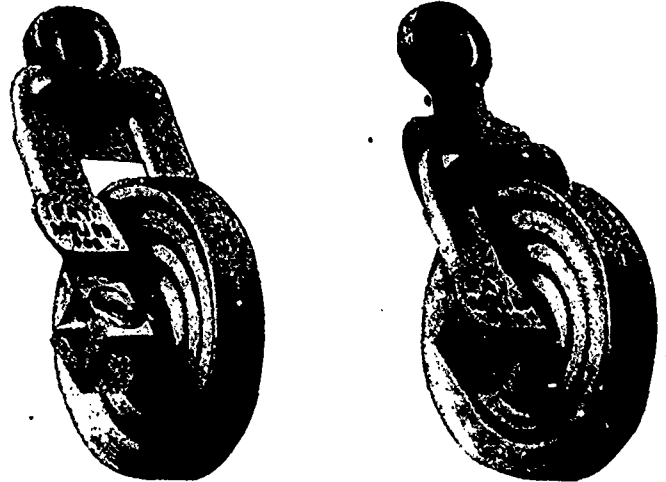
Chemnitz.—Great difficulty has been experienced by the manufacturers in getting yarns. Many of the yarn contracts, it is claimed, have not been delivered and the spinners are refusing to make new ones except at prices which the buyers consider prohibitive. There is no doubt that the foreign spinners have had difficulty in getting cotton, yet they have made all there was to make out of what they could get. In the matter of prices there is still a good deal of uncertainty over just what the level is, as there are cuts to be seen here and advances there that make it difficult for the American buyer to properly gauge the market. In the business that is being done the fancy half-hose have the leading position, and some fairly good sales have been made on these. One of the best sellers for spring has been the plaid stripe and these and the gray, with black and white designs, have been the features. Efforts are being made to bring the lace half-hose to the fore again, and reports that they are gaining in favor are heard among the importers. One does not have to seek far to trace these reports to their source, however, and there is no doubt that the manufacturers are more responsible for them than the demand itself. There are many of the German machines that are only adapted to lace goods, and for this reason there has been a production which has not yet been absorbed. In addition, the lace lines at this time would prove most profitable on account of the smaller amount of raw material used. Foreign manufacturers will have trouble in forcing the market for low-grade laces, even at reduced prices. It is peculiar of the hosiery market that when a style dies it dies very dead, indeed, and it would take almost superhuman efforts to revive it. In the higher grade ladies' hose, however, the demand is fairly strong and both the all-over and ankle patterns have sold well. Some business has been done of late in the high-grade gauze effects, both in women's and men's goods. From all indications these lines will be among the strongest for spring re-orders.

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### IMPROVED TENSION PULLEY.

Ever since the adoption by Prince, Smith & Son, Keighley, England, of the tension pulley system of driving for worsted machinery spindles, there have been numerous appliances suggested with a view of perfecting the method. Some of them have been quite ingenious, but in most cases

sight has been lost of the chief requirements, viz.: Simplicity combined with effectiveness. Prince, Smith & Son have found in their wide experience, which covers the whole world where worsted yarns are spun, that a light and absolutely true pulley running in simple, open, box-wood bearings gives the best results. They find that ball bearings, as well as numerous styles of closed-in bearings, although good in theory, serve as a trap for the "fly" in ordinary practice and much difficulty has been experienced on this account. There has arisen lately in the United States some demand



for a closed-in bearing, and recognizing that the opinions of their mill friends require our best attention, the firm have designed a tension pulley bracket which will accommodate either the open or closed wooden journal, and which in addition, is fitted with a sliding lid which covers the two bearings. This lid has neither springs, hinges, nor pins to get out of order or to cause any inconvenience to the machine attendant. The action of sliding the lid off and removing the pulley may be accomplished with one simple movement. After the pulley is replaced the lid will slide over the bearing automatically by means of its own weight. Wooden bearings, which are made from a variety of hard woods, are designed in such a manner that the "fly" will have a natural tendency to clear itself rather than collect and cause friction on the bearing surface. A hole for lubricant has been provided on the top of the closed wooden bearing, in which grease, semi-solid wax, graphite sticks, or other suitable lubricant may be placed, although they have been run for a long time without any applied lubricant whatever. As an additional precaution the wooden bearings may be soaked in oil, boiling wax or grease, and this method alone will produce a sufficient lubrication for a long period.

The arrangement has already met with much success where it has been tried, and Stoddard, Hasek, Richards & Company, 152 Congress St., Boston, the agents for the United States and Canada, will be pleased to submit a sample fixing.

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In the jury trial before Judge Tremholme, Montreal, in the case of J. H. Smith et al., vs. J. A. Jacobs, an action by which the British and German Import Company claimed \$2,000 damages from the Canadian Underwear Company on account of a demand of assignment made by defendant upon plaintiff, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. The jury thought the defendant acted with reasonable and just cause, and that plaintiff suffered no damage.