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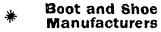
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Iron and Metals.

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The iron and metal market is duli all round and buyers in every case are confining themselves to actual wants at the moment. Advices from Great Britain in regard to pig iron report a duil trade, but that prices are firmly maintained. Stocks in public stores in Glasgow on the 15th were 151,055 tons against 523,231 tons at the end of last year. Reports from the Cleveland district state that shipments are considerably below those for the corresponding period last year. Welsh advices on tin plate state that there is very little change, but the expectation is that with the arrival of American steel bars at 35s per ton, Welsh quotations on plate must inevitably recede. Stocks of tin plate in Wales on the 15th were placed at 143,769 boxes. On spot there is no change in value in any of the staple lines of heavy material.—Montreal Gazette.

Button Holes in Button Shoes.

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The button shoes has merits, so says an exchange. Its chief one is that it will go on the foot ensity without dragging the stocking from the toes, to the disconfort of the feet and injury to the stockings. It has nothing arbitrary on top of the instep. It has a neat appearance when it fits and when so made as to present no unsightly worked, stretched and broken buttonholes. These shoes are now liable to become more general. It is pertinent to ask whether manufacturers have decided to work the holes. The stitched holes have a thin tough piece between them or the selvage of cotton cloth to prevent the tearing and stretching. Will your machine stitch a third substance in front of the hole? Do you provide cutters of good judgment? Do you regard the small difference between a good and a bad button-fly and lining as of more value than your reputation as a manufacturer? A buttonfly and lining should be good above the curve, as the evidence of innumerable factory shoes could testify. You can sicken fashion by being remiss. Past sins have been forgotten. The modern shod trepairer has to provide a costly machine to sew the miles of rips in factory uppers. The stretched and torn hole cannot be mended; it must either be cobbled or a new upper put in. This will, unlike the miles of stitching, have to be paid for by the wearer. The stitching done now is largely a work of charity, as the wearers when they get the bottoms mended, expect all upper stitching done now is largely a work of charity, as the wearers when they get the bottoms mended, expect all upper stitching done for nothing, and the cobbler becomes the scrapegoat for others' transgressions. Manufacturers, guard your own interests. They are best preserved when you look out for them yourselves. Modern methods have educated thousands of repairers to care little for the the trade as an art. Cheap methods and cheap shoes have created cheap customers. Shoes that require the hand of an experienced workman to resuscitate, entailing more labor