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## Editorial

### Union Garments.

Much is being said of the variety of  
new goods which the rapid develop-  
ment of bicycle riding is enabling the  
knit goods manufacturer to produce. A glance at the  
advertisements of the dry goods houses shows us, how-  
ever, that bicycle and sporting goods generally are not  
the only new feature of the market. A very noticeable  
one is the prominence now given to union or one piece  
underwear. These goods have been on the market time  
out of mind, especially in children's sizes, but moved  
slowly. To-day they are a feature of the market in all  
sizes and many grades, men's as well as women's and  
children's being found good sellers. While this is more

true of the United States market than our own, yet the  
tendency is well marked, and knitters who are in early  
may expect to get the benefit of the new movement.

### The Outlook.

There can be no doubt that the  
signs of the times are of better omen  
than was the case some months ago.  
Prices are on the move, and prices are the commercial  
barometer. With wheat mounting towards the dollar  
mark, at the rate maintained during the past month,  
and cotton showing a sympathetic strengthening, there  
must be reason to look for fairer weather commercially.  
The croakers believe that present wheat prices are the  
result of a Republican bull movement in the United  
States, but though there may be such an influence at  
work to support any rise that takes place, the original  
impetus has a source widely separated from the trickery  
of United States politicians. The facts are that trade  
conditions in the Argentine Republic are improving,  
the enormous premium on gold which has been paid  
there for some years is disappearing, and consequently  
prices are rising and the competition of South Ameri-  
can wheat is becoming less. This, taken in connection  
with the considerable shortage estimated in the world's  
wheat supply, accounts for the recent sharp rise. As  
the same cause must have the same effect to a certain  
extent on wool prices as well, the fall in gold in Argen-  
tina is worth careful study. Sir Robert Edgeworth is  
publishing a book entitled "Popular Fallacies Regard-  
ing Bi-metallism," in which he says: "The recent  
advance in the price of wheat is due to the rise in the  
gold value of the paper dollar in Buenos Ayres.  
Wheat, unlike most other commodities, has been sub-  
ject to a double fall in price in recent years, one fall  
caused by the altered value of silver, as measured in  
gold, the other fall in value proceeding from the still  
greater depreciation of the Argentine paper dollar as  
measured in gold."

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