

BIG STEAMSHIP OWNERS.

Many of the largest steamship companies of the world are never heard of on this side the Atlantic, owing to the fact that the vessels ply between ports in the Mediterranean or are engaged in the East Indian or China trade. The following is a list of the ten principal steamship companies of the world, arranged in the order of their aggregate gross tonnage:

	Steamers	Tons.
1. North German Lloyd.....	66	221,603
2. British India.....	91	199,096
3. Messageries Maritimes.....	62	192,631
4. Peninsular Oriental.....	48	187,684
5. Co. Generale Transatlantique	64	165,635
6. Florida Rubatino.....	105	161,687
7. Wilson Line.....	84	147,162
8. Hamburg American.....	44	136,659
9. Allan Line.....	42	130,156
10. Austrian Lloyd.....	76	123,565

—"You would be astonished," said a night watchman recently, "to see the number of safes we find unfastened. It is really wrong to expose men to the temptation which an open safe offers. You see, the man in charge of it is always willing to swear he locked it up securely when he left, so that if one of our men did make a haul, he would be measurably safe. The only way we can convince them that they have not locked the safes we find open is to make a pencilled note on the bottom of one of the drawers before closing them. Then when we report the fact in the morning and are met with the usual denial, we just ask that the drawer be examined which proves our case.—*N. E. Grocer.*

—Friend—"You say you are going off on a pleasure trip?" Cashly—"Yes, I'm going to Canada." Friend—"Lower Canada?" Cashly—"Lower Canada? Not if I know myself. Do I look like a man who associates with the lower class of people? No, sir, I am going to travel in Upper Canada. I'm high-footed from the ground up."—*Texas Siftings.*

NEW SHADES IN GLOVES.

Popular tans in several different tints, both light and dark pearls and grays, ecrus, mauves.

Leaders of fashion are never seen with blue or pink gloves.

Black trimming is one of the extreme novelties.

In some cases wide bands around the wrist, and at the opening, and very heavy embroidered stitching in place of points.

"Box shade" is one of the latest creations for spring. It is a light beige, and is trimmed with black kid.

Black gloves are not popular for general wear, but are relegated now almost altogether to those who are compelled to wear mourning.

Suede is still the favorite both in mousquetaire and button lengths, though the glazed kid holds its own very well.

Dark shades of taupe and russet, heavily stitched and with bone buttons, are the correct thing for morning wear.

Demi-gauntlet gloves are a novelty for street or driving use, with a small cuff.—*Dry Goods Chronicle.*

—THE EXCEPTION.—"Now Rastus," said the merchant, "one more question before I employ you. Do you drink?"

"No, sah! Never, sah. Dat's my rule, sah!"

"Well, I'm sorry. I was going to ask you to take a little—"

"Marse Browne, they ain't nebber been no rule 'thout an exception, sah, I excopts yo' invitation, sah."—*New York Sun.*

—Isn't it about time to put a stop to the practice of giving children something whenever they are sent to the grocery store? Every piece of cheap candy given away injures your legitimate candy trade.—*St. Louis Grocer.*

A YEAR'S EXPORTS.

THE exports of Canada for [the fiscal year ended June 30, 1891, were valued at \$98,417,296, or the greatest in the history of the Dominion, save those of 1882. The following is a comparative statement of our leading exports:

	1890.	1891.
Cattle.....	\$ 6,952,185	\$ 8,774,769
Cheese.....	10,523,946	10,434,239
Butter.....	526,654	624,640
Eggs.....	1,795,913	1,160,359
Apples.....	993,163	1,390,436
Peas.....	1,884,912	2,032,625
Wheat (all).....	2,394,130	4,102,734
Flour (all).....	661,072	1,460,300

New York papers are just now writing of one of the fastest transatlantic trips ever made by a sailing vessel. The four-masted British ship "Howard D. Troop" reached New York on her maiden voyage from Greenock, Scotland, last Friday night. The ship in ballast made the trip in fourteen days. The greatest single day's run was 330 miles. The "Howard D. Troop" was built of steel by Robert Duncan & Son of Glasgow, and registers 2,180 gross tons. She is 302 feet long, 42 feet beam and 24 feet depth of hold. She has a cargo capacity of 3,500 tons. Her owner is H. D. Troop of St. John, N.B.

—"The charge against you, Mr. Kiljordan," said the Police Magistrate, looking at him sternly over his spectacles, "is that of boisterous, profane swearing on the public streets of this city. Have you anything to say?" "Nothing, your Honor," replied the prisoner. "I'm guilty. I had just paid my gas bill."—*Chicago Tribune.*

—Mr. Henniker Heaton is about to lay before the British House of Commons a suggestion for an Imperial British stamp, which shall be equally available throughout the whole of the British dominions—that is to say between the home country and any colony, and vice-versa, and between any two colonies.

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Prompt fulfilment of orders will be a prominent feature of the Company, and with this view a fully assorted stock of each brand of goods will be carried both at Toronto and Montreal.

We beg to refer to our list of specialties, and while assuring the trade of our best services, we venture to anticipate their continued support.

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