

QUEEN VICTORIA, it is well known, is able to spin, and various articles have been exhibited for which Her Majesty prepared the flax.

JOHN CHUTHAM, the hat manufacturer of Hyde, Eng., who fought the felt hat veneering case so long through the courts and was defeated at last, died last month.

A CARPET was originally a covering for a table, not a floor. Hence a topic was on the carpet when lying on the table for discussion, or when gossiped about by people sitting at table.

BESIDES ramie, aloes, pineapple and bananas, there are scores of plants in India and Ceylon which yield fibre excellent for textile purposes and the manufacture of paper. The one great difficulty is to obtain the substances in sufficient quantity in convenient localities, and to secure their preparation, so that the fibre may remain clean and undiminished in strength, while the cost of the

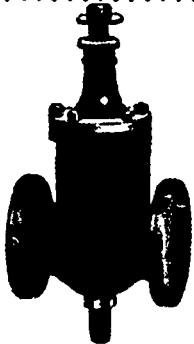
decorticating and retting process is moderate. One of these is a variety of *Hibiscus Esculentus*, well known in India and Ceylon as "bandekal," and is used as a vegetable; the edible fruits (glutinous pods with pea-like seeds, exceedingly wholesome) being called by the English "ladies' fingers." In America the plant is known as "okra," and is also used as a vegetable. The stem of this plant produces a fibre of fine quality and about three to four feet in length, and is apparently strong. Three crops are obtained in the year, and its preparation, by maceration, gives very little trouble. It was examined with interest by many experts in Ceylon, and the reply was that nothing could be done with it in connection with cotton or with cotton machinery, for it is more akin to jute, and could probably be manipulated by machinery adapted for jute. Nothing has as yet been done with the fibre, although it is surely capable of being utilized in paper, if not in textile manufacture.—*Indian Textile Journal*.

HARVIE & CO.,

70 and 72 Esplanade Street West,
Toronto.

Box Manufacturers and Wood Printers.

All kinds of Packing and Shipping Cases made and shipped on shortest notice. Cloth Boards and Box Shooks a specialty. Send for lowest quotations.



The Curtis Steam Pressure Regulator

Is a steam saving appliance of established reputation and value. It may be used wherever it is necessary to control or reduce steam pressure. Its employment means a great saving in operating expenses.

... Manufactured by the ...

D'ESTE & SEELEY CO.,

29-33 Haverhill St., Boston.

NEW YORK: 109 Liberty St.

CHICAGO: 218 Lake St.

E. W. MUDGE & CO.

646 Craig St. - Montreal.

TRIMMINGS

--FOR--

Knitting Mills and Woolen Mills.

TYING-UP RIBBONS.

Pink & White Cotton Tapes

YARMOUTH WOOLEN MILL CO., Ltd.

Manufacturers of

Fine Woolen Tweeds, Homespuns, etc.

YARMOUTH, Nova Scotia

JAS. A. CANTILE & CO., Selling Agents
MONTREAL and TORONTO

ESTAB. 1886.
**INTERNATIONAL
RAILWAY**
AND
STEAM
NAVIGATION GUIDE

AND DOMINION GAZETTEER

PRICE, 25c. ISSUED MONTHLY. SUB'N. \$2.50

OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED
RAILWAY, STEAM, HOTEL,
COMMERCIAL, AND GENERAL
INFORMATION NOT TO BE HAD
ELSEWHERE. ADDRESS:
A. B. CHAFFEE,
25 ST. NICHOLAS STREET,
MONTREAL.

CHAS. F. TAYLOR,

Successor to Burgess Cop Tube Co.

Manufacturer of

PAPER COP TUBES

48 Custom House St.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

U. S. A.

ROBERT & COMPANY

—SOLE AGENTS FOR—

JOHN R. CEICY & CO., BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Aniline Colors, Dyewood Extracts, etc.

FAST ONE-DIP COTTON DYES

FAST WOOL COLORS

PRINTING SPECIALTIES, Etc.

14 St. Michael's, - MONTREAL

S. GREENSHIELDS, SON & CO.

MONTREAL and VANCOUVER, B.C.

SCARCE GOODS:

White Swiss Spot Muslins

Black and Colored Satin Ribbons

Just to hand. Full assortment.

Large Clearing Lines in

CANADIAN COTTON GOODS:

Prints Small Check Gingham

Flannellette Skirtings

Crinkles and Cotton Crepons

Full stock of

PRIESTLEY'S SERGES AND CRAVENETTES

Just opened.

Our travellers are now showing complete ranges
of Fall Samples in

Imported and Canadian Goods

CHAS. E. STANFIELD TRURO, N.S.

Manufacturer of

WOOLEN AND KNIT GOODS

Specialties:

CARDIGAN JACKETS and LADIES'
NON-SHRINKABLE UNDERVESTS

G. B. FRASER,

3 Wellington Street East
TORONTO

REPRESENTING

Montreal Woolen Mill, Montreal; Naps, Tweeds,
Blankets, &c.

Miller Bros. & Co., Montreal; Paper Collars and
Cuffs.

A. G. Van Egmond's Sons, Seaforth Ont.; Tweeds
and Etoffes.

C. H. & A. Taylor, Galcar, near Huddersfield, Eng.;

Fancy Tweeds.

Hy. Langley & Co., Huddersfield; Worsted Coat-
ings, &c.

James Holdsworth, Upperhead Mills, Huddersfield;

Woolen & Cotton Card Clothing

Peter Besenbrunn & Co., Elberfeld, Germany;

Buttons, Braids, &c.

S. B. Sherill & Co., Cotton Brokers, Jackson,
Mississippi.