

## THE FURNISHING TRADE.



Men's wear shows no abrupt changes from previous report. The Toronto shirt makers are crowded with orders for colored cambrie shirts. These are made with an open front and attached cuffs, the whole shirt being of the one colored material. Some customers are having colored collars made also, but the fashion seems to decree white collars. Some shirts with white bodies, and colored bosoms and cuffs are shown, and have a fair demand. The trade in negliges has not opened up yet.

In neckwear bows seem to predominate at present. The extreme varieties are very, very wide, with broad stripes or large figures. The broad flowing end tie, a variation of the four-in-hand, is in favor with the best class of trade, bows with the wearers of less extreme goods. Light colored cheap ties in knots, four-in-hands and derbys are in strong demand with the wholesalers.

The tailors are busy. Quite colors predominate in suitings. Spring overcoats are very long with a roll collar. Merchant tailors will find some useful hints in the account of what the wholesalers are showing.

## WHOLESALE GLEANINGS.

Venetians and whipcords are selling well for spring overcoatings. Wyld, Grasett, & Darling have found these in strong demand, so that they have been obliged to repeat several times in order to maintain their stock. Their range in all spring overcoatings is very extensive, and seems to have found favor with the bulk of buyers.

W. R. Brock & Co. have certain lines of black worsted trouserings which are always in strong demand. The weight of these lines are suitable for all seasons of the year, and scarcely a week passes but they are receiving additions to their stock. The prices are popular, and every Canadian dealer who has handled their trouserings knows that this range is unexcelled. This is a well known special feature of their woollen department.

Strap bow ties are the latest in men's neckwear, and Gordon, MacKay & Co. are showing a very handsome line in light and dark fancies, an assortment of which every merchant up to the times ought to carry.

Whipcords for suitings and overcoatings are shown in all shades in John Macdonald & Co's woollen department. The leading shades shown are grey mixtures, while fawns and browns are also in good demand. The new hop-sack suiting in serges and worsteds is in fairly good demand for spring and summer wear. Their Belwarp's serges are in constant demand and always in full stock.

Fast black cotton half hose are shown in plain and ribbed, with and without silk clock, and in various qualities, by Wyld, Grasett & Darling. They are well prepared for the summer trade in these goods. Their stock of cambrie and cashmere vests is well assorted. Their variety includes solid creams, and in all kinds of patterns. A navy cambrie vest with a white spot or figure is a new thing, and is taking exceedingly well.

One of the finest lines of men's furnishings shown by Gordon, MacKay & Co. is their large range of suspenders, which include

English, American and domestic manufactures, from the lowest prices to the best grades.

Bicycle hose in black and navy are shown by Wyld, Grasett & Darling. They claim these to be better value than the ordinary bicycle hose.

W. R. Brock & Co. are selling a nice line of light-colored trouserings in diagonals, with stripes and indistinct checks, suitable for the best trade. These are shown in Scotch tweeds and English worsteds. Worsted Bedford cord trouserings in five leading shades are shown. These are the newest thing in the market, and their effect is very pleasing indeed.

## THE LATEST NEW YORK STYLES.

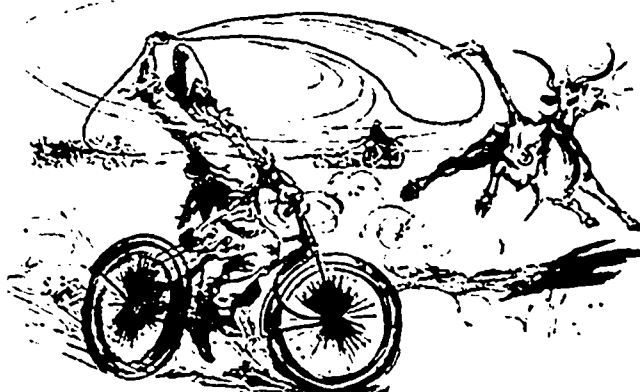
Knots with straight lined aprons are a little more desirable but those with flowing ends, the knots very small and ends very wide and liberal, are the best property in this class of scarfs, and these are really quite desirable. They should be made on the bias. De Joinvilles, says a writer in the Apparel Gazette, are daily increasing in popularity. If they are made of pure soft silk and the wearer understands how to manipulate them, they make, without exception, the dressiest necktie that can be imagined. Lately, so-called washable De Joinvilles have made their appearance. The material is cotton of so-called diminutive honeycomb and other fancy weaves. They are nearly all white ground, with delicate figures, checks and stripes, in pearl, pale and navy blue, red and black. They are said to wash well and are very pretty. A prominent London firm introduced these several years ago, and in England they are very popular.

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The collar manufacturers have not introduced a new shape for a month. The best selling collar is a straight stand up, two and a quarter inches high at the back, two and five-eighths in the front, points slightly bent, and space a quarter inch. The "turned point" collars are, however, quite popular, and will undoubtedly remain so during the entire season. There is an inclination for a larger point than has been worn, and in the fall, it is thought, they will become quite the thing.

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In underwear and hosiery a texture of silk and lambswool in a soft silver grey shade, which gives this underwear a peculiarly rich appearance, has been introduced by Budd and is selling well. Novelties in bath wrappers are also seen; the material is fine cotton derry, the ground a mixture of canary and white, with single and cluster stripes of satin, in shades of light and dark blue, gold and crimson; hoods are largely dispensed with and wide collars take their place.



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