

-Impelled thereto by an expression of opinion in favor of a particular color by a writer in The Pall Mall Gazette, Mr. G. S. Layard has made an interesting enquiry into the respective popularity of colors. He was of opinion that mankind was divided into two camps over color, one party swearing allegiance to red and the other preferring green. A plebiscite of the readers of our contemporary, however, gave a strong majority in favor of blue, which by no means surprises us, in fact Mr. Layard's figures bear out our own opinion that, apart from a possible patriotic leaning to one particular color, the favorite of most people is either blue or red. The result of the poll instituted by Mr. Layard was as follows:

- 32 in every hundred prefer blue.
- 20 in every hundred prefer green.
- 15 in every hundred prefer red.
- 8 in every hundred prefer modified red.
- 7 in every hundred prefer yellow.
- 6 in every hundred prefer modified blue.
- 5 in every hundred prefer pink.
- 4 in every hundred prefer mauve.
- 3 in every hundred prefer a brown.

It will be seen that red really takes the second place. Any textile colorist we think would have prophesied correctly that blue would head the list.

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Caustic soda, 70°	2 00	" 2 10
Chlorate of potash	0 13	" 0 15
Alum	1 35	" 1 50
Copperas	0 70	" 0 75
Sulphur flour	2 00	" 2 50
Sulphur roll	3 00	" 3 50
Sulphate of copper	4 50	" 5 00
White sugar of lead	0 07	" 0 08
Bich. potash	0 09	" 0 10
Sumac, Sicily, per ton	70 00	" 75 00
Soda ash, 48° to 58°	1 15	" 1 25
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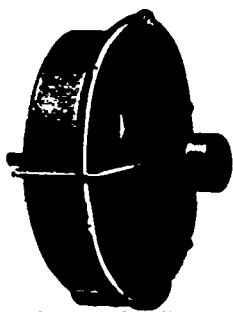
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