

of labor and agreeing to use all means to further the interests of their employers. This proved the beginning of the end, as next day at a mass meeting of the cutters and trimmers and foremen the following resolutions were adopted.

"Resolved, That we herewith condemn the resolutions as adopted at the meeting of March 27, which condemned the action of all our employers, and herewith sever our connection with the Knights of Labor, and will use all honorable means to further the interests of our employers.

"Resolved, That we hereby explicitly condemn the action of the officers of the N.T.A. 231, under above date, requesting all cutters and trimmers to return to their work, and at the same time preparing to boycott work cut by the same men, and that we hereby enter our solemn protest against all attempts of boycotting goods of any description made in the city of Rochester as being detrimental to this community and attempting to deprive thousands of persons of an honest livelihood, destroying millions of capital and creating a permanent source of discontent and enmity."

The following day all the men were taken back and the lockout ended, as it should. The importance of the clothing industry in Rochester can be seen from the fact that the annual business is \$10,000,000, and the annual wages from it aggregate \$3,000,000.

A NOVEL AUCTION SALE.

If there is any class of traders that suffers more from "dead-beats" than the merchant tailors, we would like to know it. In New York the Merchant Tailors' Society have adopted a novel method of bringing these gentry to time, or at all events, making them ashamed of themselves if all sense of shame is not dead within them. They decided to offer by public auction, at the Real Estate Exchange, on the afternoon of March 18th, a number of judgments obtained by them against certain delinquents, who would not pay for their clothes. Judgments aggregating \$5,236.90 were sold for \$325, or less than three-quarters of a cent on the dollar. The Sartorial Art Journal in referring to the sale says: We regret to see that the daily press is disposed to make light of the whole affair, but this may be safely attributed to ignorance of the real facts and results, which do not appear on the surface.

To instance: A well-known tailor of this city, who makes a specialty of riding habits, had as a result of the present agitation, a lady customer whose debt to him was so ancient that it had passed utterly from out his memory, take his breath away by calling in and paying him two hundred and forty-one hard dollars the other day. Several merchant tailors on Fifth Avenue have had like pleasant experience—in fact upwards of \$5,000 has materialized through this plan. Aside from this, many compromises were made right in the auction room on the day of sale; one with a worthless check for \$50, which was hastily taken up two hours later.

Thus it will be seen that the moral effect has resulted in the collection of many dollars; and although a New York daily states that the society is already threatened with legal proceedings as a consequence of the sale, yet our readers will recall the Cincinnati suit against the Exchange of that city in which the society came off victorious, and will at the same time remember that the New York society was legally advised by eminent authority before adopting this plan. Another point that may be noted is that the retail grocery trade and milliners, in emulation of the example of the merchant tailors, are about to adopt the same tactics in collecting bad debts, and in fact the plan seems to meet with general approval by all except those who owe the money, which under the circumstances is only natural and to be expected.

FOIBLES OF FASHION.

Arbiter in the N. Y. Clothier and Furnisher says. It is now intimated that the shawl-collar upon the swallow-tail coat is soon to be numbered among the "has beens." This shaped collar and lapel combined has ever been an essential feature of the Tuxedo sack, and that garment is to be rendered more distinct in an exclusive right to this device through its banishment from the ensemble of the tail dress coat.

The velvet collar that was first noted herein some months ago, has been gaining recruits among the men of swaggerdom. It is made ampler in size than when the innovation was originally effected,

and is always coincident with the notched lapel. The speculative young person that took chances of offending by having a velvet collar set in upon the rolling lapel succeeded only in making a botch of an acceptable dress coat and indicating his inefficiency at leader ship.

It is not unusual indeed it is deemed the ultra vogue to carry the silk facing upon the notched lapel to the extreme outer edge of the cloth, thereby securing a combination with the velvet collar immediately sanctioned by lights of upper-tendom.

The tendency in the length of men's coats has given rise to some disquieting canards upon the subject of an immediate revival of the Prince Albert frock coat in enhanced length of tail and width of lapel that should awaken memories of the period of the Directory. There is, happily, no occasion for alarm just yet over any such abrupt tangent of fashion. There are some of the howling swells that will not yield fealty to the Prince Albert as the coat of semi-formal wear, but inasmuch as H. R. H. Edward Albert himself, for whom the garment was named, continues to eschew it, there need be no fear. It is said that his non-reducible waist measurement, a matter upon which the august fashion leader is highly sensitive, and the protuberant contour of which this double-breasted cut garment would serve to accentuate, is the cause of its relegation to quasi-obscurity.

Within the present season, despite its admonition of a revolt for colorings in the deft comminglement of bright-cadet hues with the dark blues, browns and grays, to tone the too sudden effect of the transition to livelier themes—the epoch of sombreness may be said to have reached its fullest realization. There are, to be sure, some electric and bright navy shades in overcoatings, and the tan shades in Coverts assert themselves as strongly as of yore, but the prevalent tones in suitings are the dark colors, with gray—more unobtrusive in its weave and shade than ever—the dominant feature.

The blue-gray mixtures in suitings afforded some relief last season, but now the steels, smokes and fog-colored goods prevail, although they are blended in some of the Scotch double twills with blue, brown, tan and black. And it must be said this effect, when made up, is one of great richness and quiet distinction.

Fashion, however, is a fickle jade. History will show that some of the most marked transitions have been abruptly made. It may be that out of the very desperation of the prolonged period of quietude in men's apparel there is to occur a sudden revulsion that shall precipitate the veriest carnival of color. The French sounded the color note a season ago, and advices from London tell me habit makers and fashion leaders alike are determined upon a more decorative regime.

DUTY OF CLOTHING WHOLESALEERS.

In the matter of posting up their customers on the fashions that are to prevail in men's attire the wholesale man has a duty to perform. The retailer may have a pretty accurate idea of what is the correct thing in men's raiment, but he cannot be certain unless his ideas are confirmed by authority which, at least, seems to be superior to common report. Therefore every manufacturer of clothing should be able, at all times, to tell the retailer what he needs, and, in general, he is able and only too glad to do so.

One of the things that is noticeable is that the ready-made goods bought of the clothing dealer of to-day is the conformity of style to the most approved models of the merchant tailor.

It is well to keep in mind that the manufacturer of ready-made clothing, at the present time, is as able and willing to employ skilled cutters as the merchant tailor, and that he does this. Then what is the difference between his work and that of the latter? There is none! The normal man is the same the world over. Once get his measure and you can fit his fellows everywhere. Most men are normal in shape. Why then worry about this? If there are fats, leans, longs, or shorts they can easily be provided for. Therefore the high priced tailor can be defied.

There is no doubt that the ready-made dealer is to be the clothier of the future. The praises of the made-to-order garment may be sounded and sung to the heart's content, but there is little in it. Certainly not enough to cover the difference in cost to the consumer.—Chicago Apparel Gazette.