



Men's Furnishings.

THE demand for colored shirts keeps on the increase. THE DRY GOODS REVIEW noted the probable large demand for this line of goods last month, and we can only reiterate and intensify the statements then made. Many of the stores in our chief cities have, within the past week or two, given over their windows entirely to the display

of shirts and shirting material for Spring wear. Evidences of this have not been wanting. There is, as a matter of fact, an annually recurring request for colored shirts. Young men, especially, want something more or less flashy, when the first fine weather permits of going without overcoat and scarf. Houses in Montreal have been preparing for a big trade in this department, and word from the other side of the water confirms them in the belief that this year will see an unprecedented demand for all lines of colored shirting goods. All the manufacturers in England and New York are crowded with orders.

Linen collars are going to be worn higher than ever, so comes the report from England as well as New York, 2½ and 3 inches in the new styles of stand-ups, meeting close at the front, and high turn-over for the warm weather.

Flannel coats and trousers promise well for Summer. Pretty greys with delicate stripes will be largely worn both here and in England. The flannels make a comfortable lounging suit, and have the advantage of absorbing the perspiration better than the ducks, which have been so popular for the past year or two.

A Furnisher's Trip Abroad.

Mr. J. J. Hannan, the well-known Montreal men's furnisher, has lately returned from the Old Country, where he has been laying in a supply of all the newest styles in neckwear and men's furnishings in general for the Spring and Summer seasons. Mr. Hannan was in London at the relief of Ladysmith—that

long-suffering and much-abused town—and he says it is absolutely impossible for us to conceive of the rollicking and entirely unbounded patriotism of the Londoners. To say that all business was suspended is to make a statement very much short of the mark. The sober-minded Englishmen shouted and halloed, walked in processions, and did themselves proud in every way they could devise. The Exchange was closed, and the city went wild with joy. Up till midnight the streets were jammed with people, and there were so many who had come into town to see the sights and join in the festivities that there was not railway accommodation to carry them away again. All traffic in the city was at a standstill throughout the whole day and evening.

Mr. Hannan says that undoubtedly the trade will be very much affected by the fashions resultant from the present war in Africa. In neckties the patriotic colors, as they are called, are almost wholly predominant. Red, white and blue in every conceivable combination are seen in all the windows; and what is more, they are worn not only by the man in the street, but by the gentry as well. Nobody is too good for the colors he wears these days, and my lord does not consider that it is beneath him to don colors that might otherwise appear a trifle loud for one so strictly proper. Besides, even these colors are worked into some very taking effects in the quieter lines. Khakis are, of course, very popular. Khaki graduates and derbies are already seen here in some of our shop windows, and no doubt they will come more into vogue after the spring months. The same indications are true for ladies' wear. The fair sex are not to be a whit less patriotic than their brothers and fathers; and patriotic colors and designs will play a prominent part in their wardrobes for some time to come.

There is another side, however, to the fortune of war, and many are the homes in Britain, as well as in Canada, left desolate by the ravages of the fire-breathing monster. Mourning will be very general in England, and already a good deal of black is being worn. Perhaps the most widely predominant shade will be in the black and white. The West End houses are making quite a specialty in this line. The shapes are mostly in the large flowing end to be made up oneself, Oxford ties, with a small quantity of graduates. Puffs and bows, as we have indicated before, are things of the past, and will not be worn to any extent this Spring.

Easter Trade.

While in the general mind the principal articles of commerce that are intimately associated with Easter are eggs and bonnets, it is yet true that this season means as much to the men's furnisher as to either the milliner or the egg dealer. The same breezes and rain and sunshine which cause the fashionable or would-be fashionable maiden to substitute for the heavier, quieter-toned Winter hat a lighter and more gaily bedecked creation, also causes the average youth of the land to make a more or less complete change in his habiliments. There is reason, too, for anticipating an unusually good Easter business this year. A late