

DRESS GOODS.

WHAT IS SELLING IN ENGLAND.

THE colors of dress fabrics now most in demand are chiefly greys and greens. A favorite line is black and white, one novelty of this kind being a canvas with a border three to four inches wide, which has at the edge a drawn seam, effective designs being shown. There are also original canvases with herringbone stripes, which are generally of a darker or paler shade than the ground. The most popular fabrics are slate-grey with pearl-grey stripes, biscuit with bronze, grass green with Russian green and pearl with slate. One of the latest canvas novelties is perforated at a regular distance; another one has large squares, each alternate one being perforated. These perforated kinds are of excellent effect when worn over colored silk or the new lining "moirette." The finest qualities of alpacas are in demand. Colors such as peach, blue grey, bronze and biscuit meet with good attention, while occasionally changeable effects are also wanted.

Light amaze cloth, over the face of which is spread a small-meshed net, is popular. Coatings have been got up in great variety this season. They are much lighter than formerly, and will doubtless be much worn. Diagonal stuffs of this kind, of excellent color harmony and in changeable effects, are ready sellers, with leading colors such as cardinal, peach, violet, fraise and greenish brown. An immense assortment of tweeds is in evidence, and their popularity is increasing again. Besides the check patterns, which are well adapted for this fabric, the "pepper and salt" mixtures are popular for sporting purposes. Light tweeds, with effective borders from four to six inches broad, are well liked for house and street toilettes. While the ground shade of these cloths is generally full toned, fairly pronounced shades run together toward the selvedge into foliage and flower tendrils, or from chaotically intertwined geometrical patterns. Other light weaves of this kind, which, as regards their face, resemble the homespuns, are patterned with the marble effects that are so much in style just now.

John Macdonald & Co. are showing special value in black peau de soie silk to retail at 75c. and \$1 per yard.

The Gault Bros. Co. have received for the seaside trade a shipment of storm serges, French serges and colored henriettas at popular prices.

The goods of Congo Black dye are taking well. Their absolute power of resistance to fruit juice, sun, rain or wind is helping them in this climate.

James Johnston & Co. desire to draw the special attention of the trade to their line of black mohairs ranging from 19c. to \$1. They also show special lines in colored mohairs at 30 to 37½c. Black sicilians they are particularly strong in, especially qualities at 37½, 50, 75, 95c.

In dress goods S. Greenshields, Son & Co. report a good demand for black mohair crepons in stripes and broche patterns. Wool canvas, with mohair stripes, are also selling well. Black lustres, mohairs and sicilians are in great demand for skirts for summer wear.

LADIES' WRAPPERS.

These useful garments are now being made in very tasteful designs and with all the style of the most stylish dresses. Sleeves are made with the small puff at the top, and also leg mutton or full bishop. The variety shown of these garments by Foulter & Stewart

is well worth seeing, as they show a hundred different lines. Complete range can be seen at their showrooms. See ad., page 21.

FEATHER PILLOWS.

Those fancy stripe tickings shown last year by the Toronto Feather & Down Co. have become very popular, and all the first-class trade are buying them in the better grades this season. They come in the pretty blue, pink and Nile shades to suit the festive bride's ideas and are certainly an additional attraction to any bedroom, and can also be used for lounge or cosy corner.

PIN STATISTICS.

By a computation made in London ten years ago it was shown that at that time the weekly production of pins in Great Britain was 280,000,000, of which 180,000,000, or considerably more than half, were made in Birmingham. Then 120,000,000 were made in France, and 120,000,000 in Germany, Holland and Belgium. Since that time the production of pins has increased largely.

The biggest pin manufacturing city in the world is Birmingham, where 37,000,000 pins on the average are manufactured every working day. The other pin factories in England together turn out about 19,000,000 pins daily. The daily output of pins in France exceeds 20,000,000, and Germany and other countries in Europe manufacture about 10,000,000 more daily, the total production of pins being 86,000,000 every day, or 602,000,000 a week, in Europe.

The pin factories in the United States number forty-five, have a capital of \$2,000,000, give employment to 1,600 persons and turn out in a year pins to the value of about \$1,000,000.

It is calculated that only 1 per cent. of the pins manufactured are worn out or broken; the other 99 per cent. are lost, but what becomes of them is a mystery. At the rate at which pins are manufactured and the rate at which they are lost every third person in Europe and North America must lose a pin a day.

GLIMPSES OF THE MARKET.

S. F. McKinnon & Co. have in stock all desirable colors in chiffons, in correct make.

The Gault Bros. Co. have just received a range of white figures and swiss spot muslins for the summer trade.

John Macdonald & Co. have just opened up the latest novelties in French veilings; magpie, jackdaw, white, cream, and black.

S. Greenshields, Son & Co. report that tubular braids are in great demand. They have them in several qualities and all the desirable colors. Write for samples.

W. R. Brock & Co. have a large range of lace mitts, all kinds, all sizes, all prices, in black, cream, white and new tans. Their pure silk lace mitt to retail at 25c. is a trade attractor.

P. Garneau, Fils & Cie., of Quebec, are selling a line of damask drapery in different shades, suitable for curtains, drapings and coverings. It is 52-54 in. wide and pays to retail at 60c.

Those visiting the market may inspect for themselves "Bleachers' Seconds," in ends, piece goods, and cloths, which W. R. Brock & Co. have secured and are offering to the trade at about 50 per cent. under the regular prices.

A DRIVE IN BLOUSES.

James Johnston & Co. have cleared out a manufacturer's overstock of ladies' blouses at a big discount on maker's prices. The lot is a large one and will be sold at figures that will move it rapidly. The goods are new and styles effective, and are assorted in unusually handsome designs and in the best selling sizes. The prices are \$5, \$5.25, \$6, \$6.75, \$7.25, \$9 and \$10 per doz.