

committee consider this as an article for which a premium might be offered, if produced in sufficient quantity, and at a reasonable price.

Quilts and bed spreads, of great variety and good fashion, all claiming admiration for their fair makers; some of exceeding beauty and neatness, affording ample testimony to the ingenuity, taste, and industry employed in their construction.

With two trifling exceptions the committee believe they have noticed all the articles which are mentioned in the schedule placed in their hands, and it will afford them pleasure if they have been so fortunate as to have performed their duty to the satisfaction of the Institute, and of the several depositors.

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*Report of the Committee of Judges on Woollen Goods.*

The committee of Judges on woollen goods respectfully report:—That in their examinations attention has been directed as much as practicable, rather to the process of manufacturing, than to the material out of which the goods are made, believing that the manufacturer who produced the best article from the same stock, or as good an article from an inferior stock, was best entitled to the commendation and to the premiums awarded by the Institution. The great variety of goods submitted to their examination, has precluded the possibility of a report so detailed as to embrace every article, and they doubt not but much that deserves particular notice and commendation has escaped their observation. They feel themselves, however, fully warranted, and indeed constrained, to bear testimony to the general excellence of the goods brought under their inspection.

The following details will embrace the various descriptions of goods examined by the committee:—

*Blankets.*—The specimen of woollen and cotton blankets deserves unqualified commendation. The article appears to combine warmth and lightness; and the union of the two materials for that purpose accomplishes a desirable object. The Wilton super blankets are not surpassed by any article in blanketing that has ever been seen by the committee. The whiteness, and the fleecy character of the fabric, deserve special notice.

*Flannels.*—In this article perhaps much improvement is not to be expected, the specimens exhibited, in the opinion of the committee, sustain the character of the domestic flannel, both for fabric and colour.

*Cassimeres.*—No. 235, 2 pieces, No. 236, 2 pieces, and No. 237, 2 pieces. The only lot of five pieces submitted to the committee. They appear to be good in the colours, and well made goods; but No.

165, a piece of black, and No. 2121 of lot 238, a piece of striped cassimere, both for closeness of texture and beauty of finish, exceed, in the opinion of the committee, any other cassimere in the exhibition. No. 222, a piece of double milled drab cassimere, is also a well manufactured article. All the specimens are creditable to the manufacturers.

*Sattinets.*—No. 229, eight pieces of Oxford mixed, are excellent goods, deserving high commendation, combining width, strength, and beauty in an unusual degree.

No. 45, three pieces of printed sattinets, also have claimed the attention of the committee. The goods, though light in the fabric, are well made, and the printing is executed in a masterly manner.

No. 272, twilled felting, for paper makers, is a well made article, and appears to be adapted to the purpose for which it is designed.

*Cloths.*—Nos. 239, 240, 242; fancy colours. These goods appear to the committee the best of the fancy colours; the dye is good, the texture firm, and the finish free from objection.

No. 387, four pieces, No. 388, three pieces; fancy colours. These goods, for lustre and richness of finish, perhaps surpass any other lot in the exhibition. They have also much brilliancy of colour, and the material is worked up to great advantage. The committee have examined them with satisfaction, and commend them with great confidence.

No. 245, three pieces of wool dyed blue, at three dollars per yard; this is the only lot in the exhibition at that price; the goods are well made and well finished.

No. 244. These cloths the committee believe to be the best in the exhibition, and they assign some superiority to that with the private number, 29848, over the other two. The excellence of the wool; the texture of the cloth; and the close and neat finish, all combine to recommend these goods. But faithfulness requires that we should state that in these cloths, the listing, or at least portions of it, is sewed on. This practice, too common in American cloths, is reprehensible in all cases, but more to be censured in fine goods, we venture to hope it will soon be abandoned; for besides the loss which the appearance of the cloth sustains from being deprived of the embellishment of a rich listing, the absence of a list united with the cloth in weaving, creates distrust in relation both to strength and colour.

No. 457. An excellent piece of cloth, but little inferior to the goods just mentioned; well made, and free from the objection in relation to the listing, which the committee have censured with perhaps too much severity.

No. 231, two pieces of drab cloth, entitled to great commendation for colour, texture, and finish.

No. 232, two pieces of steel mixed cloths; in these goods the colours are well mingled, and the goods excellent.

In giving this brief detail, the committee are aware that they only very faintly convey the impression that has been made on their minds by the examination they have been requested to make; and in closing this report, they beg leave to express their high gratification at the evidence furnished by this exhibition of the excellence of American fa-