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THE KIDDERMINSTER CARPET TRADE.

There is less new business coming to hand so far as regards the Brussels branch of this industry, and as contracts booked at the commencement of the season are now being gradually worked off, manufacturers consequently find a diminished employment for their machinery, which has so far, in fact, been far from exceptional for the carpet trade, as the months of June and July are usually accepted as the busiest two months of the year. During these months manufacturers’ time and attention are pretty fully occupied in selecting and preparing their patients, and it is noticeable that, with the decreased rate of production, consumption of goods made to order is consequently falling. And as evidence of the healthy condition the trade maintains, it is authoritatively stated that the quantity of goods quoted from the 1st of January to the end of May was considerably in excess of anything ever known before.

A fairly good demand continues for Axminster carpets, and in one or two instances manufacturers are said to be busy.

The demand for tapestry carpets has been rather better during this season, possibly on account of the higher prices which are being quoted; the cost of the ‘spinnings’ is about 10s. per yard, and some manufacturers still clinging to the hope that this branch may again be worked to better advantage in this district.

With stocktaking close at hand, manufacturers are naturally becoming more conservative in their limits, and this is having its effect upon wornup spinnings, which have less employment for their machinery. This, however, is not the only cause of the decreased rate of production in Axminster; the district from northern wool centres is exercising a depressing influence, and the general prospects for the remainder of the year in future delivery are most meagre.

Mr. T. Baldwin Worth (S. Bond Worth and Son, of Stourport) and Mr. H. F. S. Egerton, the ‘Spinnings’ American traveller, returned home from the States on Monday last.

Mr. R. North, Messrs. Wm. Green and Son, American traveller, has also returned with results stated to be satisfactory.

Mr. Edward Smith (R. Smith and Sons) will pay a return visit to the States in July. His mission is to make a careful tour which it is said, has an important bearing upon the future of the carpet trade generally.

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ADUCCATIONS.

Alfred Brown and John Brown, the Old Mill, Yard End, York, clothing manufacturers, to Frederick C. Simpson, Britannia-street, Leeds, clothing manufacturer.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

Frederick Timpson, Britannia-street, Leeds, clothing manufacturer, to B. B. Hartley, Wandle, near Rotherham, fuller miller, Oldham.

PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

Benjamin Crossland and Sons, Oakes Mills, Lindley, near Huddersfield, woolen manufacturers, to Edward C. Hooper, Middle Mill, Leek, commission agents and merchants.

WINDING UP NOTICES.

Sir Elkanah Armitage and Sons, Limited, Manchester, to B. B. Hartley, Wandle, near Rotherham, fuller miller, Oldham.

APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS.

The names in italics within parentheses are those of Communications of Inventors. Where Complete Specification accompanies Application an asterisk is usually inserted.

2nd June.

8,990. W. Scrivener, 2, Quality Court, London, Delivering yarn from warp beams in looms.

8,993. John Swift, 58, Low Street, Kidsgrove, printers, producing uneven twisting of the yarns or threads in spinning machines.
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