

A COTTON FABRIC.

A COTTON fabric which has been patented in England is thus described by the *Canadian Journal of Fabrics*: "It has the appearance and soft feel of chamois leather, and, it is guaranteed, will not lose its special qualities when washed. In making the cloth, cotton yarns form the warps, these being dyed a fast color, a chrome yellow tint being preferable. They are sized and dressed in the usual manner. The weft is spun soft, and is used in the undyed state. The fabric is woven from these yarns, and is then passed several times through cylinder teasing or raising machines, whereby the surface is broken and a good ground nap is produced on one side or both sides thereof. The fabric is then 'soap' finished, to impart to it the desired appearance and soft, cold feel of chamois-leather. It is applicable for either wet or dry cleaning purposes and also as a polishing cloth, and especially suitable for underclothing and for linings of the same, and for general use as a

substitute for the chamois-leather now used for these and for analogous purposes. Being, moreover, of a woven texture, and absorbent, it is more healthy for use in garments than chamois-leather, and does not require to be perforated. Unlike leather, also, which gets stiff after washing, this improved material so produced is capable of being repeatedly washed without stiffening, and is found to retain its softness perpetually."

THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY IN ST. JOSEPH, MO.