PROPER DRESS

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Albert C. Baugh claims that there are at least five hundred common English nouns derived from proper names. This quiz deals with a special set of such nouns: those relating to materials, fabrics and items of clothing or dress. How many can you identify? Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of the issue.

1. Surname of a London hat manufacturer
2. Serge from a town in southern France
3. A tie to wear at the English races
4. A fine cloth from India
5. A cotton cloth from India

6. A coat with odd sleeves, named after a British general
7. Another garment, named after a British general in the same (Crimean) war
8. A woollen hat from the Crimean war
9. Hats from Italy
10. A brimmed hat named from a play by Victorien Sardou

11. A hat named from a novel by George du Maurier
12. A dress from a character in Dickens' Barnaby Rudge
13. Shoes from a British university
14. Shoes from Spain
15. A waistcoat design from a gambling man

17. A fine material from Lille, in France
18. A carelessly-tied cravat, from a battle of the 18th century
19. A low-crowned hat named for the nephew of Thomas William Coke, Earl of Leicester
20. Something to attach to your watch, after the Queen's consort

21. A man's bonnet, after the hero of a poem by Robert Burns
22. A process for treating cloth, or thread, to make it more dye-absorbent and lustrous, named after its inventor
23. A fabric derived from Sêres, the Greek word for "Chinese"
24. "Fur" made from the pelt of a Central Asian sheep
25. "Fur" made from skins of young lambs in the delta of the Volga

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