

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Owing to the large number of new books issued every month, it is impossible for us to notice them all. Publishers, who are not regular advertisers, desiring to draw the attention of the trade to any publication must mail copies so as to reach this office not later than the 15th of each month to ensure insertion in the current month's issue.

From J. S. Ogilvie, New York, we have received *THE MAN*, by Aspasia Hobbs, and *A LOVELESS MARRIAGE*, by Emma Howard Wright, both in the Sunnyside Series, and both good stories.

THE HEIRESS, by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Brothers. A very readable book is this, exhibiting the strong powers of the author that have made several of her former works successful.

FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS, by Dr. Carus. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co. This is the second edition of this book. The work is marked by the precision of thought that characterizes all the utterances of the well-known adherent of Monism.

THE QUINTESENCE OF ISENISM, by G. Bernard Shaw. Boston: Benj. R. Tucker. The author aims to show the bearing of Ibsen's philosophy and to justify it against the savage criticisms of the press and of hostile public opinion.

A FRENCHMAN IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, by Max O'Rell. Toronto: William Bryce. The subtle humor of this clever observer of the customs and social peculiarities of English speaking peoples is as marked in this book as in "Jonathan and His Continent," or "John Bull and His Island."

HOMILIES OF SCIENCE, by Dr. Paul Carus. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co. Like the contents of "Fundamental Problems," the matter of this volume appeared as editorials in Open Court, and is gathered from that source for publication in this volume. Many interesting subjects are discussed from the author's standpoint.

SIR ANTHONY'S SECRET, by Adeline Sargeant. New York, London and Toronto: John A. Taylor & Co. This is No. 6 of the Broadway Series, which has so far been characterized by excellence, both in the mechanical make-up and the character of the matter. Sir Anthony's Secret is a book that will engage the attention of the reader throughout the 511 pages.

Madame Henry Greville's novels hold a high rank. They possess extraordinary interest, while displaying great power, a thorough knowledge of human nature, rare descriptive ability and a vein of humor as keen as it is enjoyable. One of the best is *THE PRINCESS ROUHINE, OR, NADIAS VOW OF LOVE AND HEROISM*, just published in "Peterson's New Twenty-five Cent Series" of choice fiction.

TANIA'S PERIL, a Russian story, by Henry Greville; translated by George D. Cox. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Brothers. "Tania's Peril" is a brilliant and enthralling tale of love, seasoned with wit and sparkling humor. Its author has never surpassed it. It may be named with Bulwer's "Last Days of Pompeii" and Dickens' "Cricket on the Hearth," and will not suffer from a comparison with them. It is a bright and interesting society comedy. The scene is laid in Russia, where Henry Greville is most at home, and the characters move in a high social sphere, though glimpses are given of the peasants and their superstitions. The

incidents are as a rule quiet but intense. The plot is exceedingly neat and effective, while the characters are drawn with remarkable vividness and power.

NEWSPAPER GOSSIP.

Mr. T. J. Jewell has sold the Sun, and will start the Glengary Reformer at Alexandria.

J. M. Poole, printer, Perth, lost \$3,000 by fire on 8th Dec.

Mr. A. S. Thompson, an old and much respected employe of the Globe, died last month.

Mr. A. P. McRae has disposed of the Ayr Recorder to Mr. G. W. Dennis, who will run it in future.

The Orangeville Advertiser issued a daily sheet during a part of December. Orangeville must be a lively town.

Mr. C. B. Allerdice, of the Montreal Star editorial staff, was married on the 3rd December to Miss Elizabeth Cass, of that city.

Robert Renwick, of the Hamilton Herald, left on 7th Dec. for Vancouver, B.C., where he has accepted a position on the World.

The Montreal Herald was published for the last time on Christmas Day. The paper was established 84 years ago.

Mr. Louis P. Kribs, of the Empire, has had a very severe illness, but after rusticationing for a time, he is able to be at his work again.

The Petrolea Advertiser now occupies new and enlarged offices, and with an outfit of new type and presses is going to make things hum in the oil capital.

J. H. Fitzgerald, of Hamilton, was presented with a purse of money on 18th by the Times Printing Company and employes. President R. A. Kennedy made the presentation.

Robert McConnell, formerly of the Montreal Herald, has assumed the managing editorship of the Halifax Chronicle. The Chronicle has been without a responsible editor since Mr. Fielding became Provincial Secretary.

The Pictou (N.S.) Standard, which was burned out last year and has since been issued under difficulties, has moved into its comfortable new home on Water street, and sends forth a pleasant Christmas greeting to its friends.

Morton Phillips & Co., stationers, blank bookmakers and printers, Montreal, send us a most creditable specimen of their work in the form of a calendar of 1892. The paper, ink and type combine to make a beautiful page for each month.

Col. David Wylie, the veteran newspaper man, and father of the Canadian press, died last month, aged 81 years. He arrived in Brockville in 1849 to take charge of the Recorder, of which he remained in charge until 1883, when failing health caused him to retire.

The Belleville Daily Intelligencer issues a fine piece of work in its New Year's Carrier's Address. The design of the cover is very handsome, and the burden of the address is well calculated to renew the memories of and awaken gratitude for services that the newsboy rendered throughout '91.

The Weekly Bulletin of Newspaper and Periodical Literature, published in Boston by Benj. R. Tucker, and which is the first index to the daily press ever issued, has just been enlarged from four to eight pages, and will hereafter catalogue 650 articles in each issue.



There will be some new varieties in three-sided mirrors

One of the really new things is a French fan box of plush or leather with gilt or oxidized silver ornaments and handles.

Wicker baskets, fitted up as work boxes in various styles, and neatly shaped, are lined in satin and Russian leather.

There will be some new designs in glove and handkerchief sets in plush and leather, with pretty ornamentation.

Hamburger & Co., the well known fancy goods house, have gone into new premises. Their place of business is now at 75 and 77 Spring St., New York.

New designs in ladies' companions, being combinations of jewel cases, glove-holders, and companions, with gilt and oxidized ornaments, promise to be an attractive feature in this year's fancy goods.

Among the many beautiful lines which Nerlich & Co. will place before the trade this year, a line of fancy fan-shaped photo-holders is extremely pretty and will no doubt sell well. The fan is made to stand on a table and the photos are slipped in cornerways into a sort of slot, while the front part is decorated with hand painted scenes, and the whole article is prettily designed in silk and satin.

The Brandon Mfg. Co., Strachan Ave., Toronto, are putting new lines of croquet-sets on the market. Samples are now ready. The styles are modern and the finish is much superior to anything yet offered. It is not likely that any American goods will be brought in this year. The new catalogue will be out this week and will be mailed free to any one in the trade.

The wholesale booksellers are busy just now with the book trade, and the stationers are also busy, but fancy goods houses are doing little selling. Their samples of import goods are coming in and travellers are busy sorting these and preparing for their spring tours. The trade in fancy goods has been very good, and the reports from retailers is encouraging, several having reported an increased amount of holiday sales over previous years. Albums and plush and leather goods have sold well, while the general trade in novelties has not been disappointing.

In albums there will be many new varieties. Plush seems to be still the favorite, but the noticeable feature is the new shades of plush introduced. The demand has been for cheap plush albums, and manufacturers are trying to supply this demand. There are very few new designs in linings, but many new ones in covers. Painted scenes on satin form a pretty front, and these are bordered by raised plush, or by gilt or oxidized silver frames. Ivorine ornaments are still seen, but are not so numerous as the designs in gilt and oxidized silver. A very nautical album with leaves sail-shaped and a pretty cover design composed of a mast and sail with rope attachments is one of the most striking of new albums. Shape albums have proved a failure on account of the weakness of the back, but this design allows the back to be of good length, and strength.