

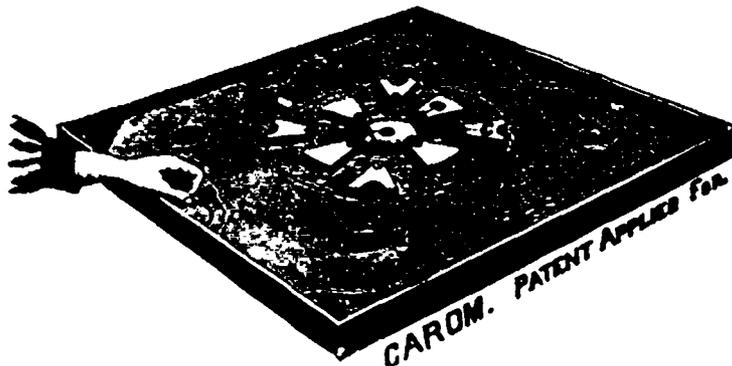
"Vernon's Aunt," by Sara Jeannette Duncan, and a new work by W. Clark Russell.

The second Canadian edition of Beautiful Joe is now in press. No other Canadian book ever attained such a sale. Over 35,000 copies have been sold in the United States in the past nine months. A large edition is being brought out in England, and the book is also being translated into French and into German. The author must indeed feel proud of her success. The Baptist Pub. Co., Richmond street west, Toronto, control the Canadian edition.

CAROM - A NEW GAME.

NOT less welcome to the dealer than to the home circle is a bright new parlor game at the Christmas season. The inventor of such a game is a public benefactor, who will reap the reward of adding to the sum of human happiness, as well as the more speedy and tangible return of an increased income.

The game Carom, here illustrated, has at the very outset so inspired the faith of its inventor and promoters that they have assumed its name and styled themselves "The Carom Game Co." The trade will be supplied through the well-known fancy



goods house of Harris H. Fudger. The game comes out, very late for the jobbing trade, but so anxious are dealers to cater to the wants of their customers, many houses already stocked with games for the holidays have placed orders for December shipment. As the name indicates, the play is made by Carom shots. The board itself is a highly polished and varnished tray with a rim of walnut projecting about 1/4 inch above the surface to prevent the balls being shot off. The balls are 24 in number, and may be divided among 2, 3 or 4 persons playing separately or as partners. Besides the ditch N the well, E. are made to count against the player and the most skilful and fascinating part of the play is to force your opponent's men into these wells. The centre pocket A and the pockets D C, on the other hand, reward the skilful player with extra counts of 5, 10, or even 35, as the case may be.

The board is about the size of a Crokinole board, but it is claimed by the manufacturer that the addition of these pockets and

carom blocks greatly enhances the value of this game as an exciting and fascinating amusement, without making it intricate or difficult to learn. Full printed directions as to shots and counts are supplied with each game, as well as valuable hints and rules for the guidance of players. The list price has been fixed at \$2.25, subject to usual trade discounts.

TRADE HAPPENINGS IN HALIFAX

A movement is on foot to introduce the system into this city of supplying school books to the scholars free of charge. It was brought to the attention of the School Commissioners that at least 40 per cent. of the children attending the Public Schools of the city were without the necessary books, and consequently the original intent of the free school system was lost. The board has taken the matter in hand, and a committee has been appointed to look into the matter and report at an early date. General opinion favors free books.

Drummond's "Ascent of Man" is having a big run here.

Several booksellers are to act in the capacity of defendants in libel suits, brought

against them by parties here for selling copies of a St. John paper supposed to contain libelous correspondence.

Christmas trade is in full swing, and dealers report a fair business.

The International News Company, which has controlled the selling of books and papers on the I.C.R., has lost its contract. The new people at the business are Cunningham & Co., of Halifax.

C. De Freytag, Brunswick street, added books, papers and general novelties to his tobacco stock a few months ago, and now talks of going into the stationery business altogether.

Knowles & Co. are working off their stock of cloth books, and will put in stationery instead. Like many other dealers they find this department less profitable than other lines they can handle. They will, of course, take the first editions in cloth, but after the demand for them is over they will sell them on orders only.

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