

Novelties.

AMONG the novelties announced in New York is a ball with a two piece cover to sell at five cents. Another ball is the "Short Stop," to be sold for ten cents. But, best of all, is a ball, five and a quarter ounce, and nine inches and a quarter round, for 25 cts. Bats, too, one of them of polished hardwood, can be sold at 10 cts, and League bats at 25 cts. These bats are ringed at the handle, so that slipping from the hand is out of the question.

REAL Neesgiva Hammocks will be a boon to the Canadian, when the Summer comes, if they can be retailed as promised, at or about one dollar each.

"THE favourite writing-paper of the Princess of Wales, is a blue bank paper, with a facsimile of her signature of Christian name in gold or bronza across the upper left-hand corner, and the day of the week in the same style at the top line of the right. The Queen uses black-edged paper, with the address Windsor Castle, Balmoral, or Osborne, on the top line in plain, black and gold letters, and in the upper left-hand corner "V.R." and the crown emblazoned in red, black and gold."

The blue bank paper used by the Princess is always in good taste, and though apparently a novelty to many in Canada was really the tint much used in old times when paper was all "hand-made." Nearly all first-class stationers carry stock of the "Azure" tints in various sizes in the light and heavy weights, both smooth and rough, or "mill finish." A very nice idea we noticed the other day in a King St. stationer's was a die, a fac-simile of the lady's initials in the large angular hand. It was embossed across the corner of the note paper, light-blue or azure paper with the embossing a darker shade of the same colour, and had quite a rich effect. Monograms are now much plainer than formerly. It is almost impossible to make out some of the elaborate designs that have been so common of late years; we notice a tendency to make them almost like "initials."

A VERY novel blotter arrangement "consists of a squared block of wood in thickness, equal to that of an ordinary block of note-paper. The leaves are hinged to the corners of the head by means of flaps. The object of this is to enable a series of leaves to be opened as desired—that is, either of the leaves may be the undermost or the uppermost of the series. The block of wood can be inserted between either two of the leaves and the leaves be opened or closed upon the block, or when more than one sheet of note-paper is being used at the writing, the first is detached from the block and inserted between two of the leaves, while the block remains in position for further use."

AN INTERESTING NOVELTY.—Wedding announcement cards are now becoming popular, in no small degree owing to the beauty and elegance with which they are produced. They consist of a white enameled card, folded to form four pages, each about 1½ in. square. The printing is appropriately done in silver, the whole being subsequently super-calendered. On the first page, as an ornament, we have a representa-

tion of the suggestive "orange blossoms," on the last the equally symbolic "true lovers' knot." The second page bears the "kind regards" of Mr. and Mrs. V., the newly-married couple. On the third page is an announcement of the "happy event," the date, place, celebrant, and names of the parties concerned. The whole is exceedingly pretty and appropriate; and the pleasing fashion of sending these mementoes must soon become general.

Business Changes.

Alain, Theophile, Montreal, Card Manufacturer, Admitted Pierre Catelli, Style Alain & Catelli.
 Allemang, Henry, Berlin, Books and Stationery, Stock advertised by Trustee.
 Armstrong, Edward, St. John, N. B., Printer, Bill of Sale.
 Burns, J. A., London, Books and Stationery, Sold by Trustee at 36c. per §.
 Blackadder Bros., Halifax, N. S., Printers and Publishers, Burnt out.
 Campbell, James, Toronto, Books, formerly James Campbell & Son, now Campbell & Middlemiss.
 Conolly, T. P., Halifax, N. S., Books & Stationery, Assigned.
 Cragg, C. J. & Co., Yarmouth, N. S., Bookbinders, Dissolved.
 Dart, H. A., Publisher, Winnipeg, Dead.
 Dechene, N. & Co., Quebec, Picture Frames, Dissolved.
 Dickenson & Cranston, Woodstock, Books & Stationery, Dissolved, Business continued by Henry Dickenson.
 Easton, J. R., Lindsay, Books & Stationery, Assigned.
 Gladwin, B., Halifax, N. S., Stationer, Burnt out.
 Harris, Wm., Pictou, N. S., Printer, Dead.
 Hill, C., Montreal, Books & Stationery, Assigned.
 Hood, Wm. & Co., Montreal, Books & Stationery, Assigned.
 Lane, James, Halifax, N. S., Books & Stationery, Burnt out.
 McConnon, Thomas, St. John's Newfoundland, Books & Stationery, In difficulties.
 McEachern, Mrs., Barrie, Fancy Goods, Burnt out.
 Marcuse, B. and Co., Montreal, Fancy Goods, Dissolved. Firm now Marcuse & Cunningham.
 Magill, T. H., Leamington, Printer & Publisher, Burnt out.
 Nelson, Charles L., St. John, N. B., Paper Bags, Bill of Sale.
 Pineo, A. J., Wolfville, N. S., Printer, Bill of Sale.
 Portlock, Mrs. W., Harriston, Fancy Goods, Offering 20c. per §.
 Stern, Samuel, Toronto, Wh. Fancy Goods, Estate advertised by Trustee.
 Tester, M., Montreal, Fancy Goods, Partially burnt out.
 Thomson Bros., Moosejaw, Books & Stationery, Removed to Calgary, Alberta.
 Wilson Bros., Winnipeg, Printers & Stationery, Estate advertised for Sale.
 Wood, L. M., Hopewell, N. B., Printer, Chattel Mortgage.
 Youmans, C. W., Galt, Books and Stationery, Sold out to J. K. Cranston, formerly of Dickenson & Cranston, Woodstock.