

ing they way into the counting houses, sanctums, and libraries of this country. Their flying Dutchman is a pen of which the great advantage is that it does not need inking as often as other pens.

A book for which there is at present a strong demand is Stalker's *Image Christi: The Example of Christ*. It is a manual of which the purpose and method are much the same as those of the books of Thomas a Kempis and St. Augustine. The Willard Tract Depository has the sole right of sale in this country.

The travellers of Messrs. Whaley, Royce & Co., are now on the road, and send in very tangible evidences of the success of their tour, in the shape of liberal orders. The firm finds business very good, and notes an increase in the territory over which its lines formerly extended.

We are glad to hear of the good fortune of H. P. Chapman, the pioneer stationer of Ripley. We have it on record that he is one of a family of five who are legatees to an estate valued at \$50,000 in Denver, Colorado. All who know Harry will congratulate him, as he deserves a rest after up hill toiling, etc.

Music dealers, book-sellers and stationers will do well to look over the list of Imrie & Graham's ten-cent copyright sheet music. The words of the songs are by John Imrie, and the music by well known composers. Some of the songs are becoming popular favorites in our concert halls. See advertisement for trade prices.

The recent sale of books to a soap house in the United States is not turning out satisfactorily. Enoch Morgan paid George Munro thirty thousand dollars for his old Seaside. It is said there were three million of them. The soap advertisement is very catchy, and will consequently disappoint the buyer, as a much better book is expected.

The trade are advised by circular that the Toronto branch of the W. F. Shaw Co.'s publishing business has been bought by Mr. W. F. Shaw. Under his name the business will be continued upon the old lines. The catalogue, price list and terms of the company will remain unchanged. All Canadian accounts are to be settled with the Canadian house.

The notice by which Messrs. Warwick & Sons advise the trade that their samples were on the way is a very dainty, billet doux looking missive. Envelope and notice both bore the trade mark of the firm in the manner of the crest. Indeed that trade mark is nothing more than the main supporter of the ancient Warwick heraldic bearings, viz. a bear rampant.

Mr. Holland, of R. Henry, Holland & Co., fancy goods, Montreal, has just returned from an extended tour to the fancy goods markets of Europe. He says dealers may

look for higher prices in German goods, on account of the interest taken in the working classes by the new Emperor, who is doing all he can to have their wages increased.

We draw the attention of the trade to the advertisement in another column of the Reinhart Manufacturing Co., Montreal, manufacturers of the new patent Izzano goods, a most beautiful novelty, all new designs this year. Plush goods in endless variety. They have also a fine line of walnut dressing cases. As their traveller is now on the road dealers should wait to see their goods.

Messrs. Underwood & Co.'s inks are capturing, one after another, all the insurance, financial and railway offices throughout the country. The Dominion Government, the Provincial Governments, the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Grand Trunk Railway, and the leading banks, are institutions that this firm has to supply with ink. Their last year's trade is far in advance of any former year's.

The firm of Fraser & Porter, Goderich, Ont., report trade to be increasing with the more settled weather. Some years ago these young men started business for themselves, and, as travellers say, they frequently set up the oysters to the lonely boys of the road, it goes to show that they are doing a nice profitable business. Our reporter arrived in Goderich in time to be at one of these pleasant events, and will ever remember their generosity.

"Maple Leaves," a series in six numbers, is one of the earliest musical issues of Mr. W. F. Shaw's press, since that gentleman bought the Canadian branch of the W. F. Shaw Co.'s business. It is a collection of favorite pieces, and includes many popular songs. The selection of the contents shows an appreciation of the average musical taste of the people, which should ensure a large sale for the series. The numbers are sold at 25 cents each.

Mr. Solomon, the buyer for the Methodist Book-Room, is on his way home from the European market, where he has made a lengthy sojourn in the pursuit of samples. The samples have been secured, are now in transport, and will be shortly ready for the inspection of the trade. Mr. Solomon's advices show that he has gone into buying on a scale of magnitude, variety and quality more extensive than that of any former year in the history of the Book-room.

between the New York World giving away whole novels with its Sunday editions, and the ruinous rates at which books are sold in dry goods houses, the book dealer is having a very nice time in figuring out where he comes in. Perhaps the buyer of the stories in the World and in cheap dry goods houses want to know where they stand when they find they have only bought half the story. The custom has become general to

cut up a book into about half its original size, hence its cheapness.

A pleasant event took place in the counting-room of the Methodist Book and Publishing House on Saturday evening the 4th inst., the occasion being a presentation and address to Mr. E. T. Coates, who was severing his connection with the house after a service of some fifteen years. Many kind wishes were expressed by his fellow-employees for his future welfare, and the earnest hope that his new venture would prove a success in every respect. Mr. Coates it may be stated, launches out as the publisher of a new musical journal, to be published in this city.

Complaint is made at the unaccountable manner in which parcels of newspapers posted in New York to Toronto have been delivered by the American Express Company instead of by the usual manner. The transfer in the method of delivery is unauthorized, and in addition has caused extra delay in delivery. On representation of the existing state of affairs by Mr. A. S. Irving, of the Toronto News Company, Mr. Barwick, post office inspector, has promised to enquire into the case and have the matter remedied.

The suit of W. Bryce against Eaton & Co., of Toronto, came up for decision before Mr. Justice Falconbridge at Toronto on Friday. Judgment upon motion by plaintiff for injunction to restrain the defendant from infringing the plaintiff's Canadian copyright by selling and exposing for sale a work of fiction called "Cleopatra," and to dispose of the costs of the action, the defendant having submitted to the plaintiff's demand. The learned Judge holds that the plaintiff should not be driven to go on forever guarding his copyright at his own expense (he having on two former occasions stopped an infringement by the intervention of solicitors without the issue of a writ), and makes the injunction perpetual, with costs against the defendant.

Among the refining novelties which monthly find their way into trade through Messrs. Hart & Company's stock, the latest is their new paper for circular purposes. Three styles of this paper are "Elegante," "Signet" and "Sub-Rosa." In each, the face and reverse side are of different colors. Softened tints, sorted to secure harmony in contrast, give a very dainty effect to a circular, an effect which is brought out by turning a corner back. The surfaces of Elegante are respectively Caledonian-gray and delicate pink; those of "Signet" are a rich brown and azure; of "Sub-Rosa," are yellow and pink. Another of Hart & Company's new things is the finger prayer-book. This little volume can be carried in the vest pocket, being only 3½ in. long, and 1¼ in. wide. It contains 670 pages, and is perfectly legible. It is one of the latest achieve-