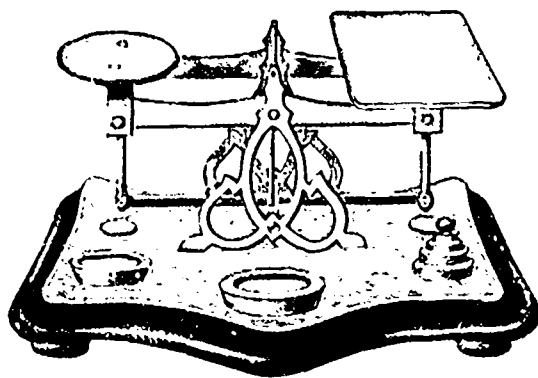


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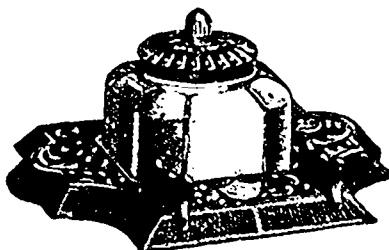
A REMARKABLE NEW TOY.

A REMARKABLE scientific toy has appeared on the streets of London. It is an amateur X-ray apparatus. This, by some mysterious operation of the light, is so close an imitation of the genuine Roentgen ray, as produced with Crooke's tube and an Edison fluoroscope, that the



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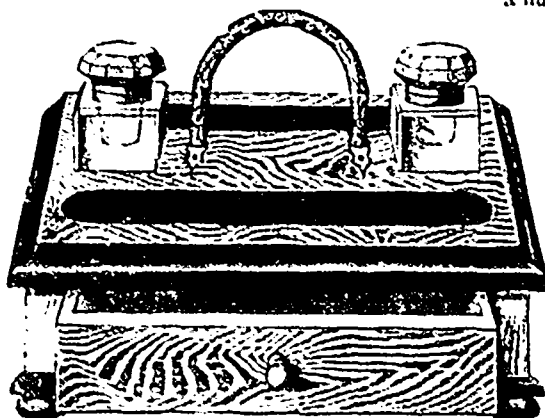
great majority of people believe it to be a genuine X-ray apparatus. This little toy is being sold for five cents by fakirs in the streets all over London. It consists of a small, round tin box, open at both ends.



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At one end the opening is a little smaller than the size of a lead pencil, and stretched across it is some mysterious fabric.

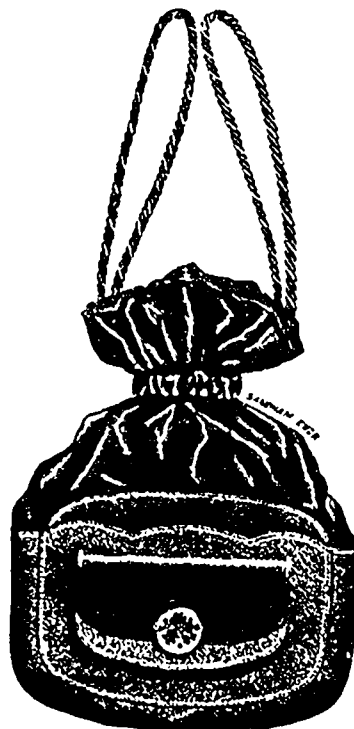
When you hold your hand up to the light about six inches away from your head and



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look at it through this little tin box, you can very plainly see what appear to be the bones of your fingers. You can look clear through your flesh, which appears like soft, trans-

parent jelly, and running through the centre of each finger you see a long, dark line about the size of a lead pencil, precisely like the bones of the fingers as they appear in a



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skeleton. With strong sunlight you can look through the palm of your hand.

Even more astonishing than this is the fact that with this little toy you can apparently look through a book or a piece of wood. Solid substances viewed through this apparatus seems to be so transparent that it is no wonder the vast majority of people are deceived and regard the thing as an X-ray apparatus, not knowing that to produce Roentgen rays a Crooke's tube and a fluoroscope are necessary. The scientist familiar with the new rays sees at once that there is something wrong about this toy when he holds up a piece of metal to the light and apparently looks through it. Of course, it is impossible for Roentgen rays to penetrate through a thick piece of metal.

A HALIFAX COMPLAINT.

The following advertisement in a Halifax morning paper is interesting: "Public Warning Against Ordering Stationery and Office Supplies from Peddlers.—Recently a local stationer called on a leading firm here, and

through the courtesy of a clerk turned up an invoice from a western house and found that, in addition to paying freight, this firm paid \$2.50 per gross of pencils, when the same

article could be bought in this city for \$1.75. Reporters' note books cost them \$4.50, against \$3.50 at home. It is time the business men of our old city began to look this matter square in the face. Deal at home, help Halifax dealers to get along, and then save money for themselves. This refers to printing and general office supplies."

A TRIBUTE TO THE ORLOFF.

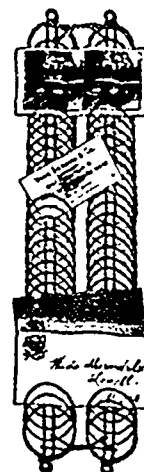
A short time ago in these columns allusion was made to the "Orloff" pencil, a



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good article at a popular price, which, upon use, proved itself to possess very desirable qualities. The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, who are handling the "Orloff," have received a copy of a testimonial made by the official stenographers of the province of Quebec in favor of the "Orloff." It reads:

"Montreal, 23rd November, 1897. Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned official stenographers of the civil and criminal courts of the district of Montreal, have given your 'Orloff' pencil a thorough trial in our daily work in court, and have much pleasure in stating that we find it very suitable for the purpose of court reporting. Of course you understand that in our class of work we require a pencil of the very finest grade, and one that will answer the demands of high speed, and we have no hesitation in saying that your pencil



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has proved itself thoroughly satisfactory in the above respect. W G Proctor, H. A. Belaire, A. P. Beauchemin, A. A. Urquhart, A. St. Martin, Elie Raymond, Jas. Vincent,