

and displayed some qualities which are more attractive to the "canny" housewife actually interested.

Mr. J. H. Rowe, of King, exhibited a spinning wheel which he has been pleased to term the "Champion." And indeed it would appear from the merits which this article combines that its name is not wrongly applied, for in several instances, when put in competition with other wheels, not only did it accomplish more work, but we are assured that the work was more satisfactorily performed. Testimony to this effect was furnished by several parties who can speak practically as to its worth and labour-saving qualities.

The "Champion" took an extra prize in Class 44, Section 27, and was besides highly recommended by the judges.

SEWING MACHINES.

We all remember how demonstrative washing machine men, showing their wares at the Provincial Exhibition, used to be. Their prominence has now, however, waned in deference to the sewing machine exhibitors, who bid fair even to outstrip their antitypes in the ability to attract the attention of the public. But the willing response on the part of the latter demonstrates the fact that a genuine interest is felt in their wares, and that every improvement, however out of the way it may be, is watched intently, and its merits intelligently discussed. First of all, with an effort to do all the gentlemen exhibiting the credit they deserve, we would remark that the assortment is a good one, and displays many of the latest qualities of this family friend.

Messrs. Grout & Co.'s family sewing machine is, with due deference to the others, a model article. They justly took the prize as a family machine, with also a diploma. One peculiarity in their construction is that they work either by hand or treadle, while arranged either for light or heavy sewing. It is in this particular that sewing machines strive to excel, and Messrs. Grout & Co. have succeeded well in their efforts to secure this desideratum. The simplicity of the hemmer is also another valuable consideration in the machine. They are manufactured at St. Catharines, and sold wholesale in Toronto.

Mr. Norris Black exhibited the Singer button hole machine, a fine labor-saving article, doing work of the finest description, without hesitancy or interruption. The object of this machine being once stated, its advantages will be equally soon apparent. Mr. Black also shows Singer's family and manufacturing machines, and an embroidery machine which, by taking off two branches, makes a valuable family machine. The No. 2 Singer, for fine labor work, has a device which carries the shuttle in a basket, obviating friction; while the machine uses, like the last named, a very short needle. Many other qualities of a miscellaneous kind are among those claimed for these machines.

Mr. J. A. Davis, of Watertown, N. Y., had a number of his patent machines, the "Davis Shuttle," on the ground. The chief peculiarity claimed for this machine is its giving a greater range of work than the ordinary machine, and its adaptability to all kinds of needlework.

Among the family sewing machines shown, was also a very neat article exhibited by Messrs. C. Irwin & Co., of Belleville. It is well adapted for heavy and light work, and compares so well with the others as to make a distinction of merit difficult. In this class, theirs and the Messrs. Grout's machine competed against the Wheeler & Wilson prize Paris articles, and with great credit; Messrs. Grout & Co.'s machine, on the ground, walked through a piece of shingle and a fine piece of muslin, without change of needle, the best proof of its "combination" qualities.

G. A. Walton, of Ottawa, agent for the Wheeler & Wilson and Howe machines in Canada, showed the family machine of the former, with the button-hole and embroidery attachment, and also the Howe machine for heavy work. Both present a fine appearance, and being awarded such high encomiums at Paris, are doubtless excellent.

The British American Manufacturing Company, of Paris, were also the exhibitors of a lock stitch shuttle machine for family sewing, for which they claim the merits of simplicity of construction with stout and compact workmanship.

"I can't find bread for my family," said a lazy fellow in company. "Nor I," replied an industrious miller; "I'm obliged to work for it."

RECREATIONS OF A PHILOSOPHER.—Professor Doremus once placed a linen handkerchief in the explosive condition of gun cotton, and threw it into the wash. Bridget washed, dried, and sprinkled it ready for ironing, without a suspicion of its character. The moment she placed the hot iron upon it, the handkerchief vanished into thin air, nearly frightening the poor girl out of her senses. Had this occurred an age ago, the professor would have passed for a "limb of Satan."—*Scientific American*.

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