

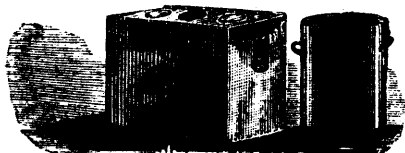
boon to have along with them, as well as those who are simply bound for a quiet pleasure excursion.

CAMPING FURNITURE.

In addition to their folding beds, tables, chairs, stoves, &c., this Company make a very fine folding wash stand, which is a



STOVE OPEN FOR USE.



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handy article, and is also patented. It folds up into such a ridiculously small space that were we to state the dimensions, they might be discredited, so we advise all in need of such a desideratum to see for themselves. As with the other articles described, its peculiar construction, while rendering it very light, gives it a strength that will withstand even more than ordinary rough usage. Other articles of furniture made by the firm are stools and tripods in a variety of styles and at many prices, but a novelty that deserves a special mention is their walking cane which opens out into a stool. Indeed, so closely have the proprietors studied the needs and requirements of camping parties, that they have succeeded in rendering the entire outfit for six persons with a good-sized tent included, so compact that it can be packed into an ordinary travelling trunk.

FLAGS.

The old saying, "nothing like leather," is appropriate in some instances, but there is nothing like bunting for making things look gay. The flags made by the National Manufacturing Co. are claimed to be of superior make, and are of all sizes, styles, &c., from the cheap five cent cotton flag to the largest and very best. The fine large flags that were flying from the two central flagstuffs at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition last fall were made by this company, and evoked much admiration. *Signal Flags, Streamers, &c.* for boats are also a specialty with them, and are made, unless otherwise ordered, of the best silk finish bunting.

Awnings for stores and dwellings, which have now come to be considered a necessity, are largely manufactured by this firm, who ship them to all parts of the country. They keep on hand a large stock of different styles of fancy colored stripes for making up these goods, and in fact they seem to

make everything conceivable for protecting from the sun and rain, such as Lawn Canopies, Boat Canopies, Bed Canopies, &c., &c. They also do an extensive trade with nearly all the largest lumbering firms in the country, supplying them with such goods as *Tents, Sails, Horse Covers, Nose Bags, Waterproof Sheets, Tarpaulins*, and other requisites, and lumbermen can always calculate on being supplied from their large stock, at short notice, with anything in this line.

The National Manufacturing Co. have been awarded *Silver Medal* at the Toronto Exhibition of 1881, as well as first prizes at Montreal, Hamilton, and other Exhibitions where they have displayed their goods. Their show of Tents and Camping Furniture at the Toronto Exhibition was undoubtedly the grandest and most luxurious ever seen in Canada, and we doubt if it could be equalled in any other country.

Their list embraces between 200 and 250 different sizes and styles of tents, as may be seen by referring to their handsomely illustrated catalogue, which by the way is another example of the energy, enterprise, and push displayed by the proprietors who believe in doing nothing by halves. The catalogue, which is beautifully done in colors, presents some pretty views of Canadian scenery, and introduces their tents, canopies, &c., in actual use by pleasure parties camping on islands and in the bush. One of the best indications of the success of an enterprise is the order-book, and from what we saw of the order-book of this firm, they have no cause to complain that their efforts are unappreciated.

Their camping outfits are undoubtedly the finest in the world, and the fact speaks well for Canadian enterprise.

His Excellency the Governor-General and Her Royal Highness have patronized the company freely on all their camping and fishing excursions.

All we would now add is, that the National Manufacturing Co. will be found prompt in answering all business communications, and, as the season is now approaching for the use of their goods, we recommend our readers to "order early and order often."

To our subscribers in the United States, we would mention that the company control the patents for that country.

THE HISTORY OF ENGRAVING.

The art of engraving on metal is as old as we can trace the history of men in anything like civilization, the Greeks and Romans being renowned for their work. The pre-historic Aztec hatchet given to Humboldt in Mexico was just as really and truly "engraved" as a modern copper plate. The art was carried to great perfection during the middle ages, and the Venetian and Florentine goldsmiths earned an enduring reputation for the excellence of their work, any specimens that are preserved having a high monetary value placed on them as objects of "vertu." The last one hundred and fifty years, however, has seen great advances, and many valuable developments and new discoveries have been made. The word engrave is derived from the old French verb "engrave," *i.e.*, to mark by incision, the different varieties of engraving, however, having special designations, the principal of which are : (1) *Line engraving* on metal plates, usually of copper or steel