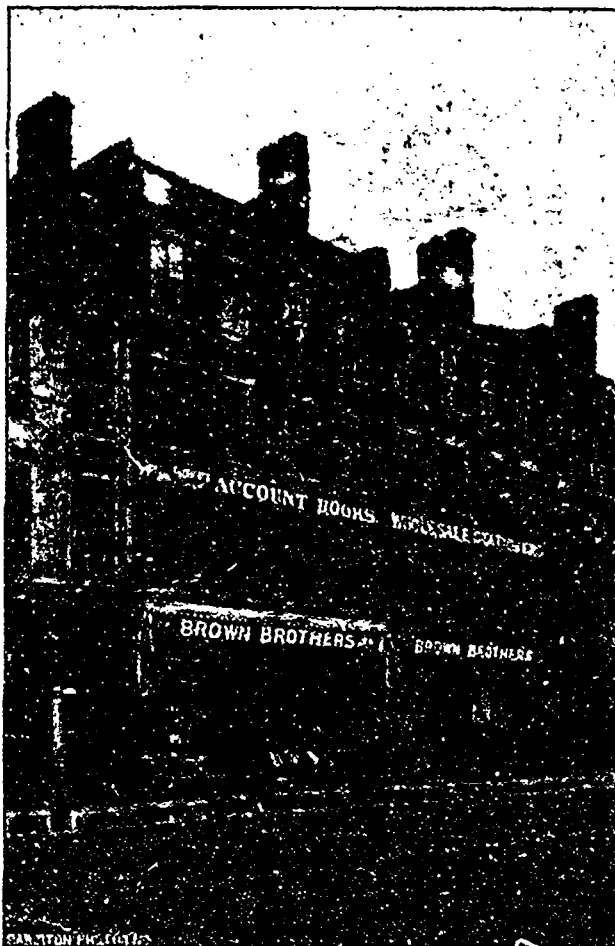


### A NEW DEPARTURE.

A copy of the first issue of Curble's Index and Register of Periodical Literature has reached this office. This is published weekly at 221 High Holborn, London, England. It contains classified references to all the important articles in the newspapers, magazines and reviews of English speaking nations. The "news," or what is of mere ephemeral

no doubt continue to do so during the present season, as he shows some excellent novelties. His travellers are getting ready their samples of Christmas cards, fancy goods and Japanese goods, and they will soon be on the road with these. Mr. Miruse has accepted the management of a rich slate quarry in Quebec and for this reason desires to sell his business. This will be an excellent chance for somebody, as the business is well founded and exceedingly profitable.



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or local interest, will not be registered, only items of general and permanent interest will be included, so that this Index and Register will become a most valuable catalogue of the contents of all periodical literature. These are now to a great extent practically lost to use, for the want of some means of ascertaining their whereabouts. The contents of the periodicals will be classified and arranged in subjects, under various headings. It will form the most complete subject index in the world, combining as it will the contents of the daily publications, with those of the weekly, monthly and quarterly ones.

### A BUSINESS FOR SALE.

Mr. B. Marcuse, of Montreal, will continue his fancy goods business as usual during the present year, but he hopes to sell out before the end of the year as he has other plans to carry out. Mr. Marcuse has a nice line of import goods and dealers should not neglect to see this line he is showing for fall delivery. He has done a huge business in Japanese goods in previous years, and will no

### AUTOMATIC INKSTANDS.

There are patent inkstands which are worse than useless; but others again are very useful. The great aim has been to get up an inkstand which would prevent the evaporation of the ink, keep out the dust, and at the same time be simple and inexpensive. In the United States one of the newest and most widely known line of inkstands is made by a firm in Philadelphia, and are now being put on this market through the jobbers by Cooper & Co., 75 Yonge street, who are the Canadian selling agents.

Experts who have examined these inkstands declare them to be models of perfection, and at the same time they are said to be cheaper than most of the other automatic inkstands on the market. The largest size is known as the "Commercial," which is made in two varieties, one having a hard rubber top and the other a polished nickel top. The accompanying cut shows the smaller size, called the "Daisy," which is a very pretty style, and is shown in both polished and black nickel tops. The mechanism of the inkstands consists of a funnel running down

into the ink, and attached to this just inside of the cap is a broad rubber pad. When the weight of a pen is put in the funnel it pushes it down, and this circular rubber pad also goes down, causing the air in the bottle to press on the surface of the ink and drive it up into



the funnel, and thus reaches the pen point. Immediately the pen is removed the funnel rises, and the ink goes down. The principle is simply that of atmospheric pressure. There is nothing to get out of order or break, the contrivance is exceedingly simple, and the ink is never exposed to the air more than a second at a time. The prices will be found in the advertisement in another column.

### A HUGE DROP IN PRICES.

Enamel and white metal waiters or trays have been out of the market for some time, but Nerlich & Co. have just opened a shipment of these goods to be sold at about one-half the old prices. Beautiful enamel trays, made from heavy material, and highly finished, are now sold at prices which bring them within the reach of every consumer. Various sizes and qualities are shown, and the close buyer will find here something very suitable. But the most excellent part of their stock of waiters is a line of white metal goods. The accompanying cut shows the delicate and artistic patterns which are carved on these goods. Other designs will be seen by inspecting the advertisement of this progressive firm. These waiters are made of the one kind



of metal throughout, and no matter how much they wear, the color must necessarily be preserved. In appearance they are equal to solid silver goods, at about one-twentieth of the price. The waiters are shown in different shapes, circular, square and oval, and in different qualities and designs. These waiters are novelties, combine use with ornament, and should thus take well with the general trade. Already Nerlich & Co. have secured large orders from retailers, and the demand promises to be very large.