

FANCY GOODS AND STATIONERY.

NEW TOYS THIS SEASON.

METAL jumping jacks, painted to represent grotesque individuals, are new things. They are operated from behind, instead of by strings.

A new return ball is covered with bright colored worsted, and contains a mechanical contrivance that gives forth sweet strains on its return trip.

A mechanical doll represents a bathing master holding a boy, who is learning to swim, on a pole. Both figures are prettily costumed in fancy suits. It makes a neat plaything.

A mechanical engine is being shown that is modeled after the famous Lehigh Valley locomotive that runs a mile a minute. As it goes along a gong rings. This latter is a new feature in such goods.

A toy school-house shows a teacher and several pupils. In the foreground is a wire counting board, such as is used in kindergartens. The idea is to amuse the child and to teach it to count at the same time.

For the youth who would "ride a cock-horse to Hanbury cross," a horse's body on a long stick is provided. At the lower end is a colored tin mechanical music box that jingles merrily. This is a novel feature in these goods. It is strongly made.

A toy that, while not new, is still selling well, is a top that is spun by the fingers, after which a small piece of steel wire is placed near the base of the top. The latter, which is magnetized, attracts the wire, causing it to dance around the base of the top.

Dolls to represent negros, Indians, Dutch maids, Pierrots, etc., are shown in great variety. A pretty one is attired in white polar bear skin and is called the Esquimaux. Zulu dolls are offered that are warranted to strike terror into any but the stoutest hearted little maids.

A pretty novelty is an exact representation of a Trouville bathing house. As in the original, it has a swinging roof, which lifts up, allowing the light and air to enter the house. The doors open and close, and the interior contains a doll, with complete wardrobe, bathing suit, etc.

Some new talking toys are life-like representations of lions, cats, etc., all of which utter sounds similar to those made by the animals they are supposed to represent, in most truthful manner. The quality of the "voice" is in every case different, and cleverly simulates the cry of each animal.

There appears to be no end to the ingenuity of the makers of mechanical toys. A Paris novelty shows a gymnast, in clown's

garb, balancing on a ladder; he turns his heels up and his head down, then balances on one hand, then on the other. As an automatic toy for boys it will prove an indubitable success.

A French novelty is a brown snake, so constructed that after being curled up, it slowly unwinds and moves its body from side to side, much after the manner of the snake that led Eve to fool around the forbidden fruit. It has no machinery, is very realistic, and is a formidable rival to the Keely cure.

A new doll represents a clown. By pushing its legs together and pulling them apart, the hands work a concertina, which gives forth such music as all similar instruments of torture make. When three of these dolls work together it sounds like Hogan's Alley, and only a Hamburger "Yellow Kid" is needed to make the illusion perfect.

Scroll-carving sets, neatly put up in boxes that contain a saw holder, six saws, flint paper, tracing paper, etc., will greatly please all boys. They are strong and well made, and the figures that can be cut by means of the saws are in themselves pleasing playthings.

Have you ever seen a mechanical cat, covered with a real cat skin, that walked, wagged its head and "meowed!" Importers have them, and it is no stretch of the truth to say they are works of art. They are beautiful pieces of workmanship. Pigs, poodles, etc., are shown also, all being equally well made and crying in a life-like way.

The assortment of steam, electrical and mechanical toys is wider than ever this year, and any boy of tastes in these directions can be made happy by their means. Every machine nearly that is operated in factories is reproduced, and can be used to practically teach the principles of mechanics. The elements of danger in these goods have been practically eliminated.

The Robinson Crusoe toy tea sets will be sure to attract attention. The cups, etc., bear colored representations of incidents in the life of Daniel Defoe's hero, from his first landing on the desert isle to the time when he returned to Old England. The man Friday is duly portrayed, and boys and girls will find an infinite amount of amusement in it. The book, "Robinson Crusoe," goes with the set.—American Exchange.

NEW GAMES THIS SEASON.

Four new games are being shown this year by the Copp, Clark Co., Limited. They are all popular in price and seem likely to prove favorites in the family circle. One

is the "Farm and Fireside" picture block. There are twelve blocks, each block being a two-inch cube, and six pictures are formed by the blocks. They are tastefully illustrated in five colors, varnished and solid. The blocks being solid is an advantage. Those made of cardboard are so easily destroyed. The game retails for 50c. Another game is the "Pillow Fight," which retails for 25c. The game is played with balloons which are inflated. In playing a whole company of people are amused, as the two teams sit on opposite sides of the table and toss balloons back and forward. Eight balloons are given for 25c. The third new game is called "Racquets" which is termed a twentieth century game, and is somewhat similar to "Draughts," being played with round men like checkers. It also retails for 25c. The fourth new game we would also call a twentieth century game as it is intended to be played on Sunday. It is called the "Fruits of the Spirit" and is played like "Authors" with scripture texts taking the place of the authors' works. The retail price of this is also 25c. Another game is "The Donkey Party" an old game re-issued and very popular, retailing at 25c. All these games are handsomely labelled and attractive in appearance.

A PRICE LIST PREPARING.

Buntin, Gillies & Co.'s annual price list of wedding stationery, announcement folders, ball programmes, invitation cards, etc., etc., will be ready in a short time. The newlines contain many striking novelties, and fine goods predominate.

FINE GOODS IN HOLDERS.

The Copp, Clark Co. are carrying a large line of fancy pen-holders and pencils suitable for the gift season. The goods are English and German gold plate and real silver. The dealer will bear in mind that English hall marked goods are necessarily what they profess to be, as there is a penalty in England if such goods are stamped real silver when they are not silver. Consequently the gold plate and silver pen and pencil holders are very fine articles and bring a good price.

A GREAT RANGE OF SCRIBBLERS.

From all quarters come reports that the sale of scribblers and school exercise books this year has been larger than ever. This is no doubt due to the ingenuity and artistic skill with which selling lines have been prepared. This remark applies particularly to the line of Warwick Bros. & Rutter, who have done a large trade in these books. Reference has already been made to one or two of their notable scribblers, and in this issue illustrations are given of copies of two very striking and original designs, which