

## FANCY GOODS.

Hickson, Duncan & Co. are offering some very fine Worcester china vases.

The trade in china figures and those made of lava and bronzed is very good just now. Smoking sets are also going fairly into trade.

The English style of baskets in willow and straw are coming in, and some fine samples are shown by Nerlich & Co. They have also some handsome baskets in palm, with leather binding.

Mr. J. S. Russell, Bay street, is getting in supplies of spring and summer fancy goods, and of the other lines that he carries. His stock of walking-sticks is not excelled in Canada.

Hickson, Duncan & Co. have just received their samples of albums from Germany. The longfellows are yet in favor, in plush and leather. In fact plush seems to be increasing its hold in the domain of fancy goods. Among the shapes Hickson, Duncan & Co. are showing are the Castle, Mikado, Sail, Anchor and Spring Leaf. Stand Albums are likewise in the season's varieties. Very choice and elegant are the specimens Hickson, Duncan & Co. have opened. Their travellers will shortly exhibit them to the trade.

Brown Bros. have just taken stock to make way for their new goods. Samples of these are in. Among them is an unusually big assortment of photograph albums, the varieties taking up several large cases to hold samples merely. They are in leather, leatherette and plush. The stock is also reinforced with portfolios, papeteries, fancy inkstands, card-cases, purses, etc. The card cases are in many styles and lines, all of leather, some with oxidized silver corners, others with oxidized silver frames. In chatelaine bags the varieties are numerous and the stock elegant.

The Christmas trade of 1891 is heralded by two superb specimens of Hagelburg's work in the sample room of C. M. Taylor & Co., Toronto. One is a colossal Santa Claus, ruddy, bright-eyed, and glistening with frost from head to foot, carrying a basket laden with toys. The other is a little girl on an equally large scale, whose burden, also in a basket, is a fine assortment of flowers, as realistic in appearance as the toys. A special machine costing \$5,000 had to be made to print work of the size represented in these advance guards of the Christmas trade. These sizes are for sale by C. M. Taylor & Co. The purpose of them is to advertise the Christmas trade. Retailers would find them grand selling articles to grocers and fancy goods people to put in window or shop front.

## A CREDIT TO THE CRAFT.

BOOKS AND NOTIONS, the official organ of the book and fancy goods trade of Canada, came to us last month (January) with a new and elegantly engraved cover, which is a masterpiece of its kind, and many internal improvements which will make it better able to serve the trade than ever before. It is a credit to the craft and we wish it the continued prosperity it so thoroughly deserves. —The Trader.

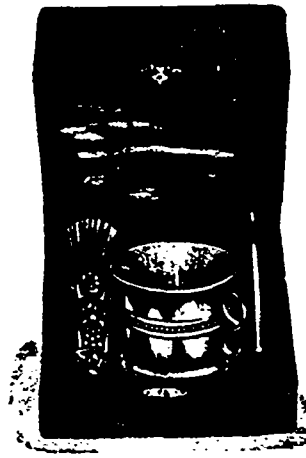
## NOVELTIES.

Political Puzzle, Who Wins? Tories vs. Grits. This is the label on the box which contains a novelty lately got up by William Bryce. It is an interesting little puzzle. Directions go with it.

Bushnell's Perfect Letter Copying Books are evidently a good selling specialty. They do not require a special ink, and they copy as well as press. They are in the form of a roll. The ease with which a duplicate can be got by the use of these books causes them to sell readily. Brown Bros. are handling them.

The Symphonion is the name of a German music box handled by Hickson, Duncan & Co. It is a very sweet toned instrument. The music to be played is supplied in a series of plates perforated with the notation. It is just the thing to have in a fancy goods store, where its tinkling strains, the instrument itself hidden from sight, will be sure to make a demand for it.

The Surprise Easter Egg is a novelty that will undoubtedly create demand. In shape and size it is the counterpart of a natural hen's egg. By blowing in the side of it a cock's crow is produced. By pressing a spring the cock himself is made to appear. The plaything will be irresistible as a selling line wherever it is exhibited or illustrated. Nelson & Sons bring this article on the market.

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