

SENT TO WOUNDED OFFICERS.

VERY few amongst the general public know what an amazing quantity of presents of every imaginable kind, whether adapted to an invalid or not, are always received from people he never heard of before by any prominent officer of our forces who happens to be wounded in action.

Distance seems to be no object whatever, for, during the campaign of which the battle of Dargai was a part, some thousands of separate parcels, including a gigantic music-box, were either sent the entire journey, or so far as easy transport went, to the officers and men, not one-tenth of these coming from people the wounded knew even by name. Lord Charles Beresford, lately, in a speech at a club, told of one officer who received nearly a hundred letters from devoted ladies whom he had never heard of before, and offering to go out and nurse him.

The writer, discussing this speech lately amongst a party of officers at Aldershot, heard some most extraordinary stories of this kind, the actual letters of the would-be nurses being shown. Some of them came from London working girls. But more strange than these were the eccentric articles sent anonymously to comfort wounded officers. These included a big doll, and a number of toys and puzzles—from little girls—a "Punch-and-Judy" complete, a set of fret-saw instruments, any amount of gingerbread and cakes, and many most incongruous articles.

JOHN CATTO, TORONTO.

For 40 years or more, Mr. John Catto, of John Catto & Son, Toronto, has been known in business as an enterprising, enlightened merchant, and with characteristic shrewdness and ability has attained very marked success. A native of Aberdeenshire, he had his early training in the Old Land, but while still a very young man he crossed the Atlantic, and in the process of time made his mark as a leading merchant. To Scotsmen the department of his business which is of most interest is that devoted to clan tartans, in which he does an extensive business, his goods being in demand not only in Canada, but in the United States.

GET A COPY.

A valuable book on children's and women's underwear, muslin goods of all descriptions, corsets and woollen knitted lines, has been got out by Messrs. Sharp, Perrin & Co., 31 Old Change, London, England, the extensive manufacturers of these goods. It is bound in cloth, contains over 200 pages, and has hundreds of designs and patterns in garments, lace patterns or trimmings, which make it of permanent value. Any Canadian dealer who wishes the book will get one free by dropping a card to the manufacturers.

The G. A. Thorpe Manufacturing Co. are showing special values in whipcord overcoats for Spring.

J. E. De Hertel, of Campbell & De Hertel, furnishers, Perth, Ont., has been elected as councillor in that town.

Knox, Morgan & Co., of Hamilton, in writing THE REVIEW, express the opinion that retailers ought to put their profits on the market value of goods in January or February, and not upon present day cost.

The firm of Blaquier & Jones, Petrolia, are dissolving, January 1, Mr. Blaquier retiring. The firm, which has been in existence seven years, has built up one of the most thriving businesses in Western Ontario, and Mr. Blaquier, who will probably become a traveller, should do equally well in his new sphere, as his experience, capacity and energy are the qualities that tell. Mr. Geo. Anderson joins Mr. Jones in the firm this month.



MASTER OF THE SITUATION.

OLD GENTLEMAN.—Now, boys, if I give you a penny each will you throw away those nasty cigars?
BIG BOY—I tell ye wot. Gi' me a penny an' Billy'll throw his away.

LININGS.

Speaking of linings, Brophy, Cains & Co. said: "Converters seem to be directing most of their attention to the production of soft finishes, that shall take the place of taffeta silks in the popular fancy. It is worth noting that high colors, about which there was some doubt early in the season, are now taking the lead, and some of the most desirable tints seen are purples, French blues, cerise, bright cardinal, and bright gold." This house is also offering a new lining, their No. M 100 in 60 shades. It is a very high grade of mercerized cotton, and can be sold to the best trade. The finish is particularly soft and brilliant. Their black sateens, silkelines, and satannas are lustrous as silk—prices to retail from 12½ to 50c.

Silver and black, steel and grey, and silver and white are among the combinations shown by Brophy, Cains & Co. They are very tasteful and pretty.

The counter check book is so firmly established a feature in retail merchandising that a recommendation of such books is only good to the extent that the particular book recommended can stand comparison with others on the market. The Merchants Counter Check Book Co., Limited, Toronto, have such confidence in their books and their cash sale slips that they offer to send samples and prices to any merchant applying for them. Merchants who do not use this book would find these samples worth examining.

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