

stock carried by this firm. The dealer who orders from it, is sure of getting what he orders, and when he orders it. Nearly 5,000 copies have been distributed, and the firm will no doubt receive large orders for their lines of toys, games, sleds, musical instruments, toy furniture, chinaware, etc. As a book of reference it should be on every dealers desk.

One of the prettiest novelties we have seen for a long time is an article just imported by James A. Skinner & Co. It is a small vase about 3 inches tall with a real live English oak tree growing in it. The vase is similar in slope to an ordinary hyacinth glass, and the acorn is placed on the top. The sample we saw has been growing for about 4 months and is now about 7 inches high, four of them placed round a center piece would make a very attractive ornament for a dinner table, and the most important feature about this decided novelty is that it can be retailed for 25c. each acorn and all.

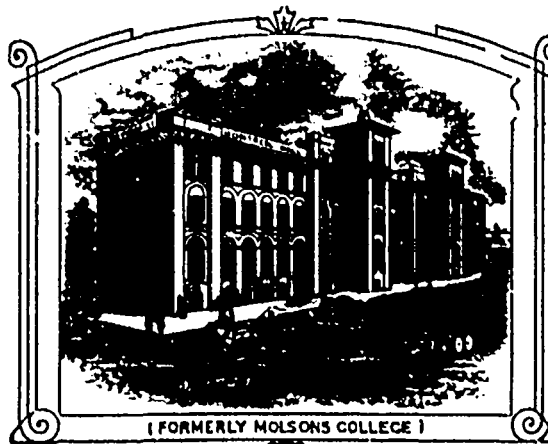
W. H. Smith, who has been intimately connected with the business of Henry Smith, his father, whose fancy goods house on Bay street, in this city, is well known, is leaving and taking a position with H. A. Nelson & Sons. He will probably do the city for them.

Warwick & Sons have just received a new stock of scientific whist cards, "showing correct play at a glance." These were very popular last year, and, consequently, had a large sale.

They have also received a new line of playing cards manufactured by the Perfection Card Co., which are excellent value. The line includes: "Leader," No. 325, gilt and plain; "Tip-Top," No. 350, gilt and plain; "Champion," No. 400; "Jockey Club," No. 500, and "Columbus." The "Leader" deserves the special attention of the trade, as it is undoubtedly the best twenty-five cent card in the market. These lines are perfect in every detail, and no dealer in such goods can afford to delay an inspection.

The Toronto News Company is now receiving large orders for Christmas papers. In fact orders at this season never were so large nor so numerous. There was some trouble last year owing to the fact that some of the dry goods houses got hold of some few copies of the English illustrated papers and cut the price on them. This year, the manager, Mr. A. S. Irving has tried to make arrangements so that there will be no recurrence of this cutting. The News Co. being sole agents for Canada, have a chance to keep these copies out of the dry goods stores so far as the publishers and themselves are concerned, but it is difficult to prevent some English jobbing house selling to the slashers. But even this will be prevented this year, and the Xmas paper business will remain a bonanza intact for the trade.

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