

From the Stationery Trades Journal.

Stove screens are very rapidly growing in importance as standard lines for the summer trade. Several makers have ventured on hand-painted screens, and the class of work expended on chromo screens is fast approximating to the standard of that used in Christmas cards. The production of screens is not, as formerly, in the hands of a few special houses, but has been taken up as a regular branch by most of the chromo publishers, and the variety in price, size, style, and quality from which the public may select is most abundant. The chief *point d'appui* amongst the makers this season has been the production of screens which will entirely conceal the grates by means of hinged tops and sides that fall automatically into place when the screen is in position. Several such varieties have been placed on the market, and doubtless others will follow.

OLD LIBRARIANS.—The old Librarian was a peculiar character, as these officials are apt to be. They have a curious kind of knowledge, sometimes immense in its way. They know the backs of books, their title-pages, their popularity or want of it, the class of readers who call for particular works, the value of different editions, and a good deal besides. Their minds catch up hints from all manner of works on all kinds of subjects. They will give a visitor a fact and a reference which they are surprised to find they remember and which the visitor might have hunted for a year. Every good librarian, every private book-owner, who has grown into his library, finds he has a bunch of nerves going to every bookcase, a branch to every shelf, and a twig to every book. These nerves get very sensitive in old librarians, sometimes, and they do not like to have a volume meddled with any more than they would to have their naked eyes handled. They come to feel at last that the books of a great collection are a part, not merely of their own property, though they are only the agents for their distribution, but that they are, as it were, outlying portions of their own organization. The old Librarian was getting a miserly feeling about his books, as he called them.—*Oliver Wendell Holmes in April Atlantic.*

A SENSE OF HONOR.—There is little doubt that the thing which most needs to be preached to this generation of Americans, by ministers of the gospel, by both clerical and lay instructors of the youth, by all who have public influence or private authority, is—a sense of honor! It must be shown and insisted upon that every position in life where one person is employed by another to do a certain work, imposes an obligation to fulfil the duties of the place with an honorable and disinterested regard for the interests of the employer. It must be shown that this view of employment applies to the cook, the errand-boy, the cashier, the legislator, the Governor, the President. This is a trite, and apparently simple, and perhaps somewhat stupid view of the opportunities of a "smart" and ambitious young American of our day, but unless this commonplace view of responsibility is laid hold of by increasing numbers in the future of our country, we will not say that our society will go to pieces, but we will say that our calamities will increase, and that we will get into troubles, and not soon out of them.—*Editorial in the Century.*

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