

FANCY GOODS AND NOTIONS

Leather Goods.

The scarcity of alligator skins has caused a sharp advance in prices. The advance averages about 20 per cent. Baby alligator skins, used in the manufacture of ladies' handbags, are very hard to secure, which fact indicates that there will be a somewhat restricted output of these goods for the holiday season.

Hiawatha Ready Change Purse.

One of the latest purse novelties was described in a recent issue of *Fabrics, Fancy Goods and Notions*, of New York. This article, as its name denotes, is a purse designed to contain small change of various denominations. It consists of two flap compartments, made of tin and covered with leather, fastened on the outside with an ornamental button. Each flap has two slots, or subcompartments, making four compartments in all. Each slot holds respectively one dollar's worth of cents, five-cent pieces, dimes and quarters. The spring arrangement at the mouth of the purse prevents the money from dropping out, yet may be easily removed for replenishing purposes. In size the purse is about 2 by 3 inches, those designed for ladies having a strong gilt chain handle.

Parisian Hand Bags.

Indications are that the oval or semi-circular frame for handbags will be very popular during the coming holiday season. The semi-circular frame affords a wide mouth for the bag, which makes it easier for ladies to use. It is modelled after a Parisian design, and comes in alligator, seal and various other fancy leathers.

Combs and Hat Pins.

The popularity among ladies of the large-sized imitation jewel hat pin seems to be steadily continuing. American fall designs include imitations of such popular stones as ruby, topaz, turquoise, etc. Pearls are also making a prominent figure in this line. The range of colors is well calculated to match every style and color of hat ribbon.

In fancy hair combs the tendency is increasingly ornamental. One design much in favor in fashionable circles is the high back comb, containing the initial of the wearer. The initial letters are generally effected by an inlaid gilt, so that no protruding metal parts are left to catch in the wearer's hair.

Plush and Celluloid Dolls.

These goods promise to have a run of public favor. They are made of bear plush, with an unbreakable celluloid head, and have a good resemblance to the popular "Teddy Bears." The limbs of these dolls are jointed.

Ladies' Belts.

Leather belts will be strong this fall and some striking lines will be brought out. Flowered leather will be used with fine effect. Cut steel studded belts with cut steel buckles will be seen in white, gray, light blue, navy and brown. The beaded belt will have some popularity. The Teddy Bear is, of course, still seen on some lines of belts, particularly those for children. The Swastika clasp is still in evidence, and holds its popularity. Styles still run to the narrow and straight girdles, though

shaped belts hold their favor. The double buckle will be used, as well as the lines with two buckles, just alike, back and front.

The "Shaveade."

A new and novel device in a little ten-cent article made for men who shave themselves is on the market and proving a great seller. It is called "Shaveade." The device consists of a rubber appliance made to fit the handle of any ordinary shaving brush and is intended as a substitute for the fingers in rubbing or massaging the shaving soap into the beard for the purpose of softening the latter before shaving. The massaging end of the device is formed of three graduated circles, and the cavities between the circles produce a suction when the device is being used. So the device will not only soften the beard, but give a perfect massage, imparting a healthy glow to the skin, leaving it smooth as velvet. The circles measure a trifle over an inch and a half in diameter, and the neck is about one inch in length. It is claimed that by the use of the little device, a good, satisfactory shave can be obtained even from a dull razor. "Shaveade" also comes with an attached handle.

Table and Sand Pit.

A nursery sand table recently patented is being offered to the toy trade. It is made in the Mission style, three feet long, twenty inches wide and twenty inches high. It may be used as a play table for the little ones to build their block houses upon or to write their letters to Santa Claus. By lighting the top and allowing it to swing completely over, a zinc-lined waterproof box filled with clean white sand is disclosed, and during the disagreeable days when the child is confined to the house, a never-failing source of amusement is provided. Children never tire of the sea shore, a fact so well recognized by those having the care of youngsters on their shoulders that many have secured a supply of sand for the back yard. When this is not available on account of weather conditions the sand table would seem to fill the bill. It is strongly constructed, and should last for many years.

Brownies.

A line of Brownies, following closely the extensive family made popular by Palmer Cox many years ago, is being made in Chicago for the holiday trade. These grotesques are fitted with metal legs and arms, which may be bent in numberless positions. They are put up in lots of a dozen assorted, and can be retailed at \$3 per dozen with a goodly profit.

Gold Pens.

Not very much is known by the general public of the large consumption of gold pens in this country to-day. There is a class of writers who realize the value of a gold pen, in that one used by a writer and adapted to his personal style of writing will not have to be removed within a day or so after its original purchase or use, but may be continued in service indefinitely and found satisfactory at the end of two or three years, and it is this class of writers who make the demand for gold pens stable and satisfactory. Great progress has also been made in their manufacture in the past few years.