

to be had in the Dominion. There are all kinds, from the vest pocket memo book to the handsome ledgers used in the largest establishments, and a visit to their extensive warerooms will convince you that it would be hard to find a finer exhibit of blank books anywhere.

VALENTINES.

The valentine season is very close now, and dealers will be watching for the latest lines. The Montreal News Co. are showing a fine line of McLaughlin's and E. P. Dotton's valentines. Both these makers are well known to the trade.

THE SELF SCORER.

The Montreal News Co. are handling a novelty for progressive euchre, or games, scoring. It is called the United States Self-scorer, and is the most up-to-date scorer on the market. They are put up in pads with different colored paper for each game, so that there can be no confusion.

IMPORTED PAPER AND ENVELOPES.

The official figures of imported papers and envelopes during the six months, May to November, both inclusive, 1897, indicate a marked expansion in trade. This is under the new tariff which went into force about May 1, 1897. The details are not given in the official figures, only the totals, as follows, which we have supplemented by giving the figures for the same months in the previous year:

IMPORTS OF PAPER, ENVELOPES, ETC.

	1896.	1897.
May	\$ 91,364	\$106,300
June	82,916	115,119
July	75,541	79,194
August	68,975	75,029
September	77,816	103,671
October	92,041	87,547
November	78,604	95,932
	\$547,884	\$557,183

THE DIXON CRUCIBLE COMPANY.

Speaking of trade during last year, Mr. John A. Walker, vice-president of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Co., Jersey City, N.J., says:

"In 1893 it was a case of business paralysis, in 1894 we had a year of debility, in 1895 the patient partially survived, in 1896 came a relapse, but in 1897 came recovery, and the patient took up his bed and walked. The great medicine man was dollar wheat and thirty-cent corn, plus poor harvests at this exigency abroad.

"I saw it myself, for in November I visited Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Kansas City, Pueblo and St. Louis, and saw everyone up to his eyes in new business. The consumer at last had money once more, and was spending it.

"The industrial triumphs of 1897 are important. In this year the business cloud passed away and another era of prosperity,

hopefully of long duration, opened. Export trade was larger in the fruits of the harvest, and particularly in manufactured goods, than in the history of the country. Americans are competing in every market. American motors won the order in London. On a bridge in Holland an American firm was the lowest bidder. American steel rails go regularly to China, Japan and India. A movement is on foot to have the English Parliament pass a law changing the stamp on goods not made in England, stamped "Abroad" instead of the name of the country where they are made. This is an effort on the part of the English law-makers to obscure the origin of these goods.

"For the Dixon Company personally, we have shared in the general prosperity. The year has been an agreeable one, the future looks rosy to those who have eyes to see. Perhaps the outlook was never more inviting. Never were there so many roads open to wealth to those who know how to find them."

THIS SOUNDS LIKE A FAIRY TALE.

A valuable acquisition to the writing world is a new patent splitless pen which cannot scratch or become cross-nibbed, and writes on the coarsest or roughest as well as on the finest paper. It produces fine, even lines of any delicacy or thickness, rendering it especially valuable to artists and architects, and it is almost indestructible.

PACKING BREAKABLES

A new method of packing fragile articles, or china, papier-mache, glass, etc., is to place them between layers of loofah felt, cellulose, pasteboard, caoutchouc, etc., which are shaped to receive them. This method has been patented.

WINNERS' PLAYING CARDS.

Warwick Bros. & Rutter have now in stock for immediate delivery a new edition of the Winners' playing card, which has been so popular and has sold so remarkably well.

FRENCH FLORAL TISSUE.

Warwick Bros. & Rutter are showing the new French floral tissue in a large range of new designs. This handsome material is 10 feet to the package, and retails from 25 to 50c., according to style.

NEW GAME COUNTERS.

Warwick Bros. & Rutter have a range of new celluloid game counters and poker chips. A novelty is an inlaid ace of clubs design.

The self-scorer for progressive euchre and other progressive card games is a late novelty which Warwick Bros. & Rutter

have. It does away with the licking of seals and the punching. One scorer is placed on each table and a ticket is torn off by each guest and placed in a small bag each player carries. The novelty works easily and relieves the hostess from much work and worry.

NEW BOOKS FOR JANUARY.

The Copp, Clark Co., Limited.

- HICHENS, ROBERT.—Byeways. Paper, 75c.
- REDGR, W. PRIT.—Secretary to Bayne, M.P. Paper, 75c.
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- COUCH, L. GUILLER.—A Spanish Maid. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25.
- MERRIMAN, HENRY SETON.—The Grey Lady. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25.
- HOBBS, JOHN OLIVER.—The School for Saints. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25.
- STOCKTON, FRANK R.—The Great Stone of Sardis. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25.
- MCLENNAN, WM.—Spanish John. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25.
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