

WHOLESALE FANCY GOODS.

"Well! what have you new this time?" will be the inquiry greeting the Fancy Goods traveller, as struggling against the melting influence of July weather, and a ton or so of extra baggage, he makes his best bow, at the opening of the Fall Campaign. Judging from the quantity of new goods now being marked off at the warehouse of Smith & Fudger, 48 Yonge Street, representatives of this firm will be able to give a satisfactory answer to those insatiable Corinthians of commerce, who invariably demand "something new."

Mr. Smith, the senior partner of the firm, is still in Europe, but already there are indications that he has met with more than ordinary success in selecting his Fall line. To give particulars would be to enumerate the endless variety displayed in three extensive flats used as Sample Rooms, and this our space will not warrant; but we may mention a few specialties which catch the eye in going through the warehouse.

Plush Goods.—There is every indication that manufacturers are expecting a larger sale than even last season. In photo frames very delicate colours have been introduced, and several novel shapes, such as Yacht, Bicycle, Log Cabin, &c. Fancy designs are also utilized to frame Toilet Mirrors and Bronze Plaques. There are some ingenious combinations for the Toilet Table. Brush and Comb Cases opening automatically, combined with manicures—or Jewellery Cabinet, as may be desired. Among these goods are very elaborate Nursery Sets, also new designs in Odor Cases and Shaving Sets.

Leather Goods.—The removal of the ten cents a piece specific duty on purses seems to have stimulated American manufacturers to bring a larger line than ever into Canada. The long Pocket-book has come to stay, another season anyway, and has brought numerous relations, some almost long enough for music rolls, many with metal corners and fancy locks. This firm has several special purses made for them on the Continent—phenomenal value. Altogether we know of no such variety of leather Pocket-books in this country as that shown by Smith & Fudger. In the larger goods, Street Satchels, Glove and Hand-

kerchief Boxes, Travelling Cases, Writing Cabinets, &c. (chiefly London and Vienna make), there are some elegant things, which can hardly be shown on the road. Dealers availing themselves of excursion rates to visit Toronto in July and August, should see the line while unbroken.

The territory of the Glassware houses has been invaded a little, by the introduction of a line of Bohemian Goods, in Vases, Centre Pieces and Toilet Bottles. These are in the new shades, and are exceedingly delicate and pretty. Included in these are dainty little Baskets and Match Safes, finished in an ivory tint, with decorations of a burnt brown shade. Some new designs in Dresden Figures, and individual Cups and Saucers, ladies and gents sizes, in plush lined boxes, add to the interest in this department, and the prices asked seem very reasonable.

Cabinet Goods.—The firm has found a growing demand, in the last year or two, for substantial London made Desks, and has this year undertaken to meet it with a well assorted line. In the same department are Workboxes and other German and English cabinet goods, including novelties in Ink Bottles. While in the stationer's department we might notice a line of boxed papers, which, notwithstanding the increased duty, seem good value to retail at 25cts. and 50cts.

The Toy and Christmas Goods Department is filling up, though many lines are not yet in. Dolls are chiefly of the better class; it has been found that customers appreciate quality, although anyone who wants the most doll for the least money can also find it here. The American indestructible(?) toys, in wood and iron, are well represented. Those of most interest to stationers, perhaps, are the new Alphabet and Picture Blocks. Some, cylindrical in shape, are exceedingly bright and pretty, others give evidence of careful design and first-class lithographic work. Many of the charming pictures are executed in six colours.

The firm's five travellers are more than busy preparing their immense line of samples, and believe they have an assortment which cannot fail to interest every dealer. They respectfully request their friends "to reserve orders" till Smith & Fudger's samples have been inspected.