



In crochet silk work, instead of four-in-hands, the run will be on ring ties made in two styles. Just now the fancy silk belts which are crocheted are very pretty, and the buckles sold for this kind of work are very neat and appropriate. John Macdonald & Co., who carry a stock of the silk and also of these fancy buckles, have a small pamphlet which describes four patterns for working in fancy belts. These patterns are the Wave, Diamond, Shell and Openwork, all of which are very neat.

Fancy belts for gentlemen continue in strong favor, and the prettiest are made from handloom silk petersham, with single or double snake fasteners and also with the new Grecian snake fastener, while some novelties are shown, such as a fastener in the shape of a lacrosse stick. Some very pretty shades are shown in these belts.

Hair brushes, with mother-of-pearl backs and inlaid mirrors, are shown in some very pretty designs and finishes. Some pretty sets of brush, mirror and comb in bright oxydized silver and gilt, are shown by John Macdonald & Co.

Square and round tops in oxydized silver seem to form the favorite thing for purses. They are not new but they are without a rival.

Chateaufort bags are numerous and shown in some very pretty designs and shapes.

The newest things in decoration pins are the imitations of florals and ribbons. These are done in metal and magnificently colored to suit the flower and its different parts which are to be represented. These were at first shown in gold but are now imitated in cheap Austrian ware. They are shown also in delicately colored and moulded brooches. A very pretty gilt pin is made in the shape of a blossom with the golden petals joined and the golden filaments surmounted by pretty little pearl anthers. Another gilt pin is made to imitate a circular cord containing on each side of the circle seven brilliants and the whole article has a very pretty appearance.

Barbatine majolica ware with a smooth surface has sold well this season. Nerlich & Co. carry a large stock of it, and state that the rough surface barbatine has gone out of favor.

Fancy china and other earthenware is having a good market this season. Many new novelties are shown. A pretty new nightlamp is made with a china figure as a base and a colored globe. Some very beautiful Dresden china candelabras, with pretty youthful figures and flower bowl combinations, are shown in a variety of designs, some being very artistic. Bohemian ware continues strong in favor in flower bowls and novelty baskets. This kind of glass ware is very attractive and finds a steady sale.

China swing figures are shown in great variety. Cups, saucers and plates of Melsen or Royal Dresden china are rare and attractive novelties. Desert

sets in this superior ware are very becoming and attractive. Some very fine majolica ware figures and tobacco jars are shown, which exhibit superior and artistic workmanship, the expression being quite natural and the posture graceful.

Nerlich & Co. are showing some very fine felt-bodied dolls which are said to be superior to the kid-bodied. They are all half-stuffed and well jointed and form a cheaper and fully as durable a doll as the kid. In dress dolls the change has been to better and removable garments. This is a taking feature with the children.

AMONG THE WHOLESALERS.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of H. A. Nelson & Sons in this issue. The firm speaks boldly and truly, and their speech is worth reading. They have been successful in a long business career, and nothing is more impressive than success. To keep up a continually increasing trade requires careful management and fair treatment of customers. These have been the keynotes by which Nelson & Sons have sounded so well in the business grand march. They are offering a varied and extensive stock to the trade, and its suitableness cannot be gainsayed.

A nice soft business pen is Myer's Challenge, said to be equal to any aluminum pen and very much cheaper. It is sold by Copp, Clark & Co.

Last month we noticed three Interim Copyrights taken out by Frederick Butler for three games—baseball, football and lacrosse. The copyrights of these charts have been purchased by the Copp, Clark Co., and they intend to issue them for delivery with their fall games. The game of lacrosse is called Eukosi, and is said to be very interesting, the men occupying ordinary positions and the game being an almost exact representation of the outdoor game. Ardi is the game of football and Kungu is the baseball game. These three games are for two or four players, and will undoubtedly be popular, and this firm has done well to add to them to their extensive list. They are also getting Crockinole ready for delivery and are sole agents for the Egyptian talking board, Oujah.

Brown Bros. are using, on the finer make of their famous blank books, two patents, Klinebar's and Workman's, for stitching these books, so that when opening they will be flat and thus avoid the curve usually produced by ordinary stitching. This improvement was much needed in blank book manufacture.

H. A. Nelson & Sons' travellers have an advance notice for the fall season which is a beautiful and artistic souvenir. The embossing and printing is well done and the portrait of each traveller is placed on the souvenirs sent to his respective customers. Their four travellers are hustlers. Their names are H. Timming, W. H. Paget, George Henderson and Walter Crone.

Messrs. W. J. Gage & Co. report a very large sale for their scribblers and exercise books. Some of these have been specially adapted to the French trade and their sale has been correspondingly increased.

Brown Bros. have been receiving several shipments of very saleable goods. Among the recent arrivals are

Franklin's lumberman's and shippers' crayons; Crown and Royal office files; four and eight drawer typewriters' cabinets; typewriters' supplies, such as linen papers carbon papers and ribbons; some finer lines of bookbinders' cloths. They report a very large sale for the Calligraph, for which they are the Canadian agents. French office baskets are selling well, and they expect a large shipment very soon which will give them a very varied and excellent stock of these goods.

The Map and School Supply Co. have issued a new map of America and a new and revised edition of their map of the Dominion. They intend to issue shortly a new series of maps, including Europe, Asia and Africa.

Nerlich & Co. have a new novelty. They are selling to Toronto dealers cream pitchers, plates and cups and saucers having on them beautiful local views, such as the prominent churches and insurance buildings. A dealer in any town can have his local views on the ware by ordering a sufficient quantity. The goods are said to sell well.

C. M. Taylor & Co. report a strong sale for their Japanese work.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

A very interesting work has just been published by McMillan & Co., Imperial Federation, by Geo. R. Parkin. Mr. Parkin's name is well known to Canadians by his able speeches and this book is worthy of him. The great point he tries to make is, that British unity needs development. Among other leading books by McMillan's are: The Barren Ground of Northern Canada, with maps, by Warburton Pike; and Mr. Hogan, M.P.—a new edition.

Messrs. W. & A. R. Johnston have just issued a folding map of England and Wales which is suited to the requirements of tourists by being enclosed in a cloth case and of a size convenient for carrying in the pocket. Some of the English officers are frightened because their stories which, before being published in book form, run as serials in some of the English magazines, are being pirated in the United States. These pirates claim that the circulating in a magazine, copies of which reach the United States, destroys an international copyright, or at least renders it worthless. It is said that Lord Spencer has decided to dispose of his valuable library of more than 110,000 volumes. Some of it will undoubtedly be taken to America.

At the Police Court, Toronto, Alexander Hawthorne, of 129 Queen street west, was charged with exhibiting in his store window a New York paper said to contain immoral pictures. Du Vernet, for the defence, said the city by-law on the matter only prohibited the exhibition of such pictures "on walls or fences in streets or public places," but said nothing about shop windows. The magistrate decided that a shop window was a public place, and imposed a fine of \$3 and costs. Mr. Du Vernet gave notice of an appeal, and in the meantime similar cases, in which Thomas Pleckring, 238 Queen street west, and Fred. Martin, 224 Queen street west, were involved, were allowed to stand over.