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Games and Sporting Goods Annual is the name by which a new illustrated price list of field sports, etc., addresses itself to the trade. It is a very attractive catalogue, having for a frontispiece the champion baseball batter in latest “pajama” uniform. Prices quoted are the usual retail selling prices, subject, of course, to a discount to the trade, so that a dealer may obtain a few extra copies and use them to take orders from his customers. In this way it forms a valuable stock supplement, the illustrations being good, and the descriptions very full and accurate. It is published by the well-known fancy goods house of Harris H. Fudger, Toronto. Dealers who have not received copies may obtain them on application.

To state that a wholesale bookseller had struck a new idea would be to injure the reputation possessed by this journal for veracity. But a new line of bookbindings shown by W. J. Gage & Co. has such a delicious freshness that it seems like a new idea. They are showing a line of presentation books in beautiful bindings, in a great and surprising variety, and at prices which are startling. An 18mo. line includes bindings in brocade cloth, French morocco, half and full polished morocco, and Persian calf. The line can be bought at less than 50 cents per volume, and includes such well

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Probably the best posted and certainly one of the most popular travellers in the book business is Mr. W. C. Bell, who has been with C. M. Taylor & Co. for the past fifteen years, and during two thirds of that time has been representing their interests in the East and Maritime Provinces. On Saturday, the 28th ult., he was joined in holy wedlock to Miss Lillian Warne, of Toronto. His fellow employees evinced their warm friendship on the eve of his marriage by presenting him with a handsome secretary. Mr. Taylor presented his pretty bride with a silver tea set in token of the high esteem in which Mr. Bell is held by his employers.

Duties upon raw materials higher than the duty upon their manufactured product was the complaint of the bookbinders, publishers and printers when they met Hon. Mackenzie Bowell and Hon. G. E. Foster in the Toronto Board of Trade on the 4th inst. They asked relief from the high duties upon marble paper, certain fine leathers, mill board, cloth and other articles entering into book-making and which are not manufactured in Canada. They say the tariff takes as much from them as it gives to them. They do not complain about the duty on white paper, because they explain that industry in Canada gives employment to a great many men. To illustrate the effect of the tariff upon Canadian book-making it was said yesterday by one of the deputation that books can be sent to England, bound there, and returned, paying the duty, and cost less than it would cost to bind them in Canada. The deputation was composed of W. W. Copp, R. A. Brown, G. M. Rose, W. J. Gage, J. F. Ellis, A. F. Rutter, D. A. Rose, W. A. Sheppard, James Murray and H. C. McLeod.

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