

FANCY GOODS AND STATIONERY.

FANCY PAPETERIES OF CANADIAN MAKE.

THE BARBER & ELLIS CO., LIMITED, Toronto, commenced last year the manufacture of an extensive line of fancy papeteries. Their goods were of high quality and exquisite design, and, notwithstanding the fact that they were placed on the market rather late, they reached a large sale.

They gave such satisfaction to the trade that this year the same firm are making a more extensive line, which will be of superior quality and more stylish finish than those offered last year. Twenty-four different styles of papeteries will be offered, including some exquisite combinations of celluloid, satin and plush, filled with high-grade note paper and envelopes to match.

These will be ready about May 1, and the trade will lose nothing by examining them before placing their orders.

NEW GOODS.

The Brown Bros., Limited, have just received a large stock of office sundries, which the visitors to their warerooms, at 66 and 68 King street east, can see at a glance, and will also repay them for the time spent in going through their extensive premises. Among the new lines are letter scales, pen wipers, inkstands, rubber daters and pads, rubber penholders, cash and document boxes, pencils, etc. Fountain pens are having a great move on just now.



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The Brown Bros., Limited, have a full line of both Paul E. Wirt and the A. A. Waterman and can fill all orders for same on short notice.

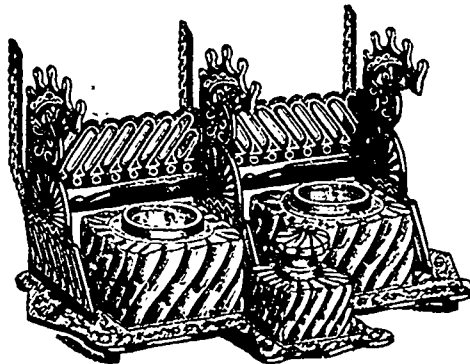
The Canadian agents for the new "Century" caligraph and Edison mimeo-

graph are The Brown Bros., Limited, of Toronto, and machines and supplies can always be had from that firm.

GRAPHITE PAINT IS LASTING.

Considerable has been written lately about an old sign in possession of the Western Society of Engineers at Chicago. The words "Harper's Ferry," painted in black, stand out as boldly as when they were first formed by the artist's brush, while the wood around the letters, which was painted with white paint, has worn away about 1-16 of an inch. It is asserted by the writers that no paint manufactured nowadays is equal in durability to that which was applied on the old sign.

Mr. Wm. Hooper, of Ticonderoga, N. Y., does not see anything specially remarkable in the preservation of the old sign and claims that there is just as good a paint made nowadays as then. He adds: "I have seen signs that have been painted with



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black paint directly on the clapboard of the building. The lettering was good after the paint on the balance of the building had disappeared, and after this the whole building was painted over, lettering and all, and the lettering obliterated; yet, within ten years afterwards, the old black lettering appeared again quite freshly to view. I suppose the paint for the lettering was made of linseed oil and lamp black. I believe, however, that finely ground graphite, mixed with pure linseed oil, will last as long, or longer, than any other paint ever known of or used. I had a large iron casting, which lay in my mill yard for over thirty years. It was painted with only one coat. The old casting was broken up and sold for old iron last month, and I noticed that the paint on the pieces of casting, even after being broken up, looked quite fresh.

"If the surface to be painted is perfectly dry when the finely ground graphite is

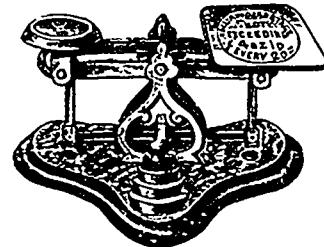
applied, the paint will prove the most lasting paint known, because, if time eliminates all of the oil, the graphite seems to adhere to the surface painted just the same as a piece of paper or wood will appear after it has been rubbed with a lead pencil or a piece of graphite. No other pigment known to me will remain on the surface painted after the oil has been thoroughly destroyed. With the experience I have had with graphite paint, I thoroughly believe that if any dry surface be covered with graphite paint and left untouched for a period of 30 years — by which time the oil will have disappeared — no doubt a letter could be written plainly on the surface by using a piece of large wire or nail, after smoothing the end of the wire or nail which is to be used as a pencil. I have done all this and shown it up to others. Writing with the piece of wire polishes the graphite, which adheres to the surface, showing that it is there still."



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THE MAP OF THE DOMINION.

The new map of Canada is selling extraordinarily well. It appears to have come out just at the right moment, when there was a felt need for a large map showing the new northern districts and giving a better general idea of the geographical position and outline of Canada on the North American continent than any map now extant. The publishers, The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, have not yet been able to catch up with the orders which have come in, and, as the maps are mounted and made ready, they are sent out as quickly as possible. Orders have been placed from all over the country, from Halifax to Victoria. It is



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satisfactory to find that so excellent a piece of enterprise is having its reward.

PLAYING CARDS AND BOXED STATIONERY.

Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, offer the trade a large assortment and excellent value