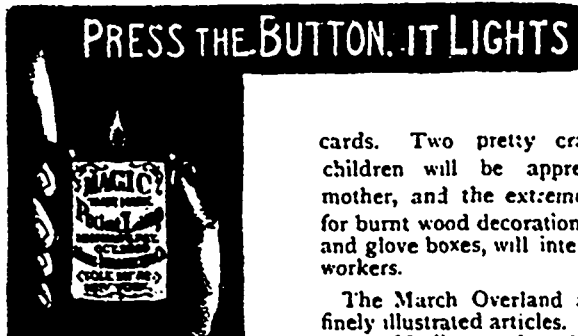


the use of such methods as these that Mr. Irving has come to concentrate the distributing of periodicals in Canada in his own hands, and no one will deny that such indomitable perseverance and enterprising energy is deserving of all the reward which it can procure.

Mr. Irving is yet a comparatively young man. Although fifty-three years of age, he is bright and sprightly and retains in his eye the energetic sparkle of youth.

A NEW CATALOGUE

Messrs. H. A. Nelson & Sons have issued their illustrated spring catalogue. Besides their regular lines of sporting goods, children's vehicles, etc., all of which have been supplemented with new varieties and the latest styles, we notice several novelties now placed for the first time before the Canadian



trade. The Magic Pocket Lamp and cigar Lighter is a novelty, very convenient to smokers and will be undoubtedly a profitable article to dealers. It is an invaluable article, where an instantaneous light is wanted and its convenient size, allows of its being carried in the vest pocket. As the igniting disks can be purchased and the lamp refitted it is not the toy of a moment, but rather a useful and always desirable article. Another article which will undoubtedly take well

PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS.

The Century for March contains a portrait engraving of Paderewski, the famous Polish pianist, who recently visited Canada and the United States, and also two articles and a poem on him. The other articles are interesting and as intellectual as usual with this great magazine.

The January number of the Art Interchange is an admirable example of what an art journal should be. Its most showy features are the three beautiful pictures in color: In Rose Time, a rich study of pink and yellow roses; When Love Plays, a charming fan decoration, showing gaily dressed couples engaged in dancing, etc.; a sheet of Dresden Designs in color for China Painting. There are copies of famous paintings by Henner, Lefebvre, Lenboch and Leibl; charming designs of cupids and little figures of menu

the new Quebec Ministry, with portraits of its members, while T. Blake Crofton gives expression to some comical thoughts in "Scraps and Snaps." An article upon "Curling in Canada," will interest sportsmen.

A new weekly magazine is about to be published in Boston, Mass., called the "Two Tales." Each copy will contain two short tales (4,000 to 6,000 words each) by the best fiction writers of the day. Every story will be new, and the price is to be \$4 per year or 10c. per copy. The publishers claim to have secured some very fine literary productions for issue in their new venture.

The contents of the March Arena are sufficiently varied to interest all lovers of serious literature. The Rev. Minot J. Savage, the eminent liberal divine of Boston, contributes a remarkable paper on psychical research, giving many thrilling stories for the truth of which he vouches. This paper is as interesting as fiction, although it is prepared in the interest of science. The other articles embrace a rich variety of interesting subjects, and are striking and thought stirring by able and fearless thinkers.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

J. A. Hanratty, stationer, Ottawa, has assigned to J. H. Gordon.

Chas. Clements, stationer, Treherne, Man., has sold out to S. L. Taylor.

W. R. Walton, dealer in paper patterns, Toronto, is asking for an extension.

J. N. McDonald, publisher, Moosejaw, N. W. T. has been succeeded by I. H. Lang.

The stock of J. E. Calvert, fancy goods dealer, Petrolia, Ont., was sold on the 1st inst.

The Novelty Manufacturing Company, of Newmarket, has effected a compromise with its creditors.

Aime Trudeau's liabilities at Windsor Mills amount to \$18,000, with assets nominally the same.

R. Neville of Rorer, Bissette & Neville, printers, Montreal, has retired and the firm is now styled Poirer, Bissette & Co.

The insolvent stock of C. J. Wilson, stationer, 205 Parliament street, has been sold under the assignee's order at 39 1/2c. on the dollar.

The firm of Timms & Co., printers, Toronto, has been dissolved and G. Y. Timms continues the business with the firm name unchanged.

The old established firm of R. Henry Holland & Co., wholesale fancy goods, St Paul street, Montreal, have made an abandonment of their estate and an assignee was named provisionally. The unsatisfactory nature of business for some time past, coupled with heavy expenses and bad debts, was the cause of the stoppage. Liabilities about \$100,000.

cards. Two pretty crayon sketches of children will be appreciated by every mother, and the extremely clever designs for burnt wood decoration on mirror frames and glove boxes, will interest all decorative workers.

The March Overland announces several finely illustrated articles. One will be upon types of Indians, written by Captain Dougherty, an army officer who has spent many years among them and made a special study of their ethnology; the article will be illustrated with portraits of the various types. Another is the account of a surveying party in repeating Powell's exploit of making its way through the gorge of the Colorado in boats, illustrated chiefly from photographs of the expedition; the article will be by a member of the party. Another is a continuation of Mrs. Bandini's accounts of riding to hounds on the hills of Southern California, and will be illustrated from the paintings of Whiteside.

The second number of the Dominion Illustrated Monthly is to hand. Its contents are breezy and interesting, as well as native to the soil. Charles G. D. Roberts continues his story, the "Raid from Beausejour," Wm. Wilfrid Campbell, the talented young author of "The Mother," has a very amusing little piece of fiction, "Deacon Snider and the Circus." "Jamaica Vistas," by Dr. Wolfred Nelson, and "Historic Canadian Waterways—The St. Lawrence," by a well known writer, J. M. LeMoine, are worthy of notice. A useful article just now, is one descriptive of

the Magic Scholars' Companion, which is fitted with a combination lock, thus obviating the difficulties arising from the loss of keys. Several hundred combinations are used, so that one scholar cannot open another's companion, and besides thus being convenient, it is an attractive novelty and consequently should be a profitable seller. This catalogue contains a description of many other articles which it would be well for retailers to consider carefully.

WILLIAM BRIGGS Publisher and Importer, TORONTO.

Desires to notify the Book Trade of Canada that their Travellers will shortly be on the road, soliciting orders for Import. As heretofore, Mr. John A. Solomon, will cover Western Ontario and the Maritime Provinces; and Mr. Frank H. Anderson, East and North Ontario, and North West and British Columbia.

Kindly await their coming, and examine Samples before placing orders elsewhere.

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