

FANCY GOODS AND STATIONERY—Continued.
patterns imitating the full-sized article. We illustrate a line they are selling at \$7.75 per doz.



The football season being here, it is important to have a good line of sundries, and, as The H. A. Nelson & Sons Co., Limited, carry a line of shin-guards from \$2.40 to \$12 per dozen pairs, they would be pleased to fill sample orders for the same. The accompanying cut shows a line of leather guards, reinforced with cane and lined with chamois, \$10.80 per dozen pairs.

F. A. E. W. KELK.

F. & E. W. Kelk announce that all their importations are now in the warehouse. One looking over their stock finds everything new looking and up-to-date, which is the result of clearing out goods in the proper season. Very often cut prices are necessary to do this, but it has always been the rule: "New season, new goods." Customers looking for snaps in odd lines to fill in will do well to call and see them. They certainly will not be disappointed. Their dolls are very good; instead of the large unsightly doll, theirs are of smaller sizes, but very good and pretty; dolls as nurses, dolls as sisters of charity, dolls in mourning, truly, it is well worth seeing them. In magic lanterns and toys they carry a suitable lot. In china cups and saucers, a good lot is offered suitable in price and design. Ask for sample of the 5 and 10c. lines, they are immense. Looking at the celluloid cases and albums, they have all one requires; they seem to be very cheap, as regards price. Sleighs, crokinole games, rocking horses, hockey goods, doll cabs, go carts, and shoo-fly rockers will be found satisfactory.

A new story by Annie S. Swan will shortly be published by William Briggs, entitled "A Son of Erin."

A volume of poems, said to be of considerable merit, by Miss Katherine A. Clarke, of this city, is in course of issue by William Briggs.

A work of special interest to Presbyterians is announced for issue this Autumn by William Briggs. It is a life of the late Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, written by Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia. The work of writing the biography has fallen into good hands. Dr. Grant, known to the public by his pseudonym of "Knoxonian," is a writer of exceptional ability, and we may be sure the life story of the eminent divine will be interestingly related.

MONEY-MAKING TOYS.

A WRITER in The Patent Record says that far more money is made out of small patented inventions than out of the great ones. As an example, the inventor of the roller skate made \$1,000,000, and a little thing like the common needle-threader is worth \$10,000 a year to its owner. But as far as profits are concerned, the invention of toys pays better than anything else. The "return ball"—a wooden ball fastened on the end of a piece of elastic—yields \$50,000 per annum. The "dancing Jim Crow" yields profits to its inventor of \$75,000 a year, and the "wheel of life" has been worth in all \$500,000.

"John Gilpin" has been highly profitable, and the sales of the "Chameleon toy" have been enormous, and the profits equally so. In fact, it is estimated that the latter has been the most profitable invention of modern times, however valuable and important in comparison others may have been. The truth is that money has been, and always can be, made more easily out of simple patented inventions than out of any investment or occupation.

Great discoveries take so many years and cost so much to perfect that the fortunes made from them are small compared with those we have instanced. The man who discovered that a candle, if tapered at the end, would stick firmly into the socket, patented the idea, and afterwards founded the largest candle factory in the world. Might not anyone have thought of this simple device? Out of the millions who own umbrellas, how many realize that these unfortunately indispensable articles represent wealth untold? The frame, the cover,

the materials used, all are the result of numberless experiments and patents.

An umbrella, years ago, used to be made of whalebone and gingham. It weighed as much as a portmanteau. Alpaca was substituted for gingham, then silk for alpaca. Each change meant a fortune to the inventor who brought it about. For a long time the ribs were solid; then, Samuel Fox arose, took the umbrella, and cut grooves along its ribs. He designed the "patent paragon frame," and lived to see his invention used universally. At the death of Samuel Fox, his heirs benefited to the extent of \$895,000, the residue of a total profit of at least \$2,500,000.

DEATH OF MR. J. O. WILSON.

James Crocket Wilson, of J. C. Wilson & Co., paper manufacturers, Montreal, died suddenly at his residence Oct. 1st. Mr. Wilson was the son of the late Samuel Wilson, car-builder for the Grand Trunk Railway, and his wife, Elizabeth Crocket. He was born July 19, 1841, at Rasharkin, Antrim, Ireland, and accompanied his parents to Canada at an early age. He was educated at McGill Normal School and for years performed the duties of a public school teacher. Later, he entered mercantile life, afterwards being head manager of the publishing house of T. W. Strong, New York, from 1863 to 1867, and cashier and book-keeper for Angus, Logan & Co., paper manufacturers, Montreal. In 1870, Mr. Wilson started in business on his own account. He began the manufacture of paper bags by machinery, and was the first in Canada to supply the trade with this article. At the time of his death, he was at the head of the firm of J. C. Wilson & Co., one of the largest paper-making concerns in the Dominion, having mills at Lachute and St. Jerome, Que., with a factory and warehouses in Montreal, and a branch in London, England. He held many public positions and was M.P. for Argenteuil, Que., for some years.

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