

John Walker & Co. have just secured an extensive piece of vacant land in Warwick Lane, Paternoster Row, with a frontage in Warwick Square, on which they are preparing to erect a warehouse and factory specially designed to meet the requirements of their business. The situation is most advantageous, as it is in the centre of the trade, and easily accessible from all parts of the metropolis. Several times already the firm have been compelled by the rapid increase of their business, to enlarge their premises. First they annexed as much of the adjoining building in Farringdon Street as they were able to obtain, which nearly doubled their floor space; but the relief was only temporary, and they shortly afterwards removed the whole of their manufacturing department to a separate building in New Street Square. The state of congestion has now become worse than ever, but the ample site which they have acquired will at length enable them to erect a building sufficient for their needs.—*Stationery Trades Journal, London, Eng.*

LAST MONTH we had the pleasure of an interview with James McDonald, of the firm of John Walker & Co., London, Eng., at the Queen's Hotel in this city, and were favoured with an inspection of his really wonderful line of Fancy and Staple Stationery, among which we could not help but be struck with a novelty in writing sets consisting of a combination of decorated art china with plush or leather stands in triangular and Davenport shapes. The effect is very rich, the china being of the celebrated Crown Derby pattern. These goods will doubtless meet with a ready sale and be found a very good substitute for brass and ormolu work, the novelty of which has somewhat passed away.

We also notice a very good line of new leather goods known as the bamboo leather, the pattern and colour being something very novel and altogether different from anything [we have seen. We were pleased to have some time to devote to looking over their splendid series of Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books. In this department alone, the samples are well worth a visit.

In answer to a question addressed to a dealer in a Western town, we have the following:—

"SIR,—Your favour to hand, *re pens*. Would say I am the man. This man came to store and offered ex-agency for the pens, provided I bought 25 gross, he agreeing to take orders for 12 gross for me before leaving town (to introduce them). I bought 25 gross and foolishly paid for them before receiving the promised orders. He in the meantime was selling all he could for cash. I was green (but not blind), and soon saw the drift. Secured a constable and warrant and tapped him on the shoulder when ready to board the train for west. He was glad to refund money and get away, but not till brought to court. The pens were good, but price exorbitant, viz., \$1.50 gr."

He played the same game in a Canadian city, and has been doing the same for a couple of years. Look out for him. Surely this must be one of the members of the ten lost tribes—no good Jew would be guilty of such a trick.

WITH the second number of the souvenir volume of the *War News*, ready about September 1st, will be a plate in eight colours,—The Volunteers' return. There were five colours in the plate with number one.

TRADE NOTICE.

PLAYING CARDS.

I would inform the Trade in Canada that I have lately started the manufacturing of American Style of Playing Cards and that the first edition is now ready. Round Corners. Packed in boxes.

—A—10% Card

Retail Trade Price, \$9.00 per gross.

Discount according to quantity.

All my own made cards will be

ROUND CORNERS,

Indexed. Each pack in a box. It is my present intention to make only Round Corner Cards and pack only in boxes, but the Trade if they so desire can have in paper wrappers.

New Designs and Nos. each month.

I have in stock at present a large supply of fine English made Cards from the celebrated house of De La Rue & Co., and which will be offered to the Trade at

SPECIAL LOW PRICES TO REDUCE STOCK.

I will fill Sample Orders, one pack each time, in stock at dozen rates to enable the Trade to see goods.

Send for Samples.

W. BRYCE,

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