

NOTES FOR THE STATIONER—Continued.

to think particularly appropriate for other angel faced tots of the same age. It is a curious thing that although these valentines are sent in all good humor, yet they never fail to draw forth the wildest wails from the unhappy recipients. It seems that people who receive comic valentines are never blessed with the same keen sense of humor as the senders.

The novelties in stationery are few. It is not the novelty season. Such goods as fancy sealing wax, put up several colors in a box, move well along with the stationery. Dealers who can supply stamps for sealing wax, are still doing a fair business in them, though, of course, the heavy demand for these and other "stationers' jewellery" was for the Christmas season. Now and then a belated calendar appears, and, if it is exceptionally striking or original, it sells, not, perhaps, as a calendar, but as a novelty.

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DESK ARTICLES FOR WOMEN.

It is not the fault of the bookseller and the stationer if women's desks and other household affairs are not kept in exemplary order from now on, says a New York writer. Out of the fad for hand-painted and embroidered knick-knacks, wherein feminine needs in the way of bookkeeping were made known timidly, and not sensibly, have come slightly, serviceable things which may be handled daily with no further damage than the appearance of good usage.

College red, a rich color like ripe cherries, is the hue in which the greatest number of the new booklets and miscellanies are found. The best of them are without attempt at adornment other than lettering, gold or silver touching of the edges of the leaves, and sometimes metal corners. Less than the full set of articles may be picked up in blue leather and in black. Red has been chosen for the greatest number of bindings because it is popular and serviceable.

It is the hope and expectation of the man behind the stationery department that patrons shall buy the entire set of "systematizers" either at once or piece by piece, as toilet tables are furnished with silver. Useful for the housewife who keeps her fingers on the reins of domestic economy is a tablet of leather with a block of paper on it, each sheet of which is marked into spaces for "Groceries," "Market," "House" and "Personal" needs. The outside sells for 50c., and is in line with the

new systematizing of household management.

Telephone books of great elegance have been the choice of more than one woman for some difficult man's New Year souvenir. They are made of the cheerful red leather, long and narrow in shape, with flexible covers and gold lettering. Inside there are pages for numbers used frequently, and many white leaves on which to write the calls.

Any man whose telephone service is at all limited probably would enjoy this thing of beauty in his office. Even he might let his daughter or someone he liked tie it with a red ribbon to some peg near the receiver. The price of the telephone book is \$1.

One may find a visiting list in leather in her favorite color. Visits paid, those received and days at home may be put down in an orderly way in spaces indicated by the lettering.

Leather cases for clippings are more practical than those daintier sorts from white silk embroidered with violets, or white paper blossoming with wild roses, which the dealers in fancy goods of late years have put forth profusely. It is taken for granted now that everybody makes clippings on some subject or subjects. If he or she is not a celebrity, about whose doings the owner may fill the book, then is he or she a faddist on music, painting, photography or what not. And if none of these topics please, the clipping book is just the place for paragraphs out of the papers which tell a woman how to make a bodice, a salad, a complexion wash, a creeping dress for baby or a new variety of Renaissance lace collars.

Leather books, long and wide enough to hold columns from the newspaper folded three times, are made with inside convenient envelopes, 6, 12 or 24. Cheaper ones have the subjects printed on the envelopes. But in the making of the better grade it is recognized that people have their own ideas of how a clipping book should be used, and spaces are left for the writing in of desired topics.

Everything which can be is done by the stationer to help the tourist record his impressions of foreign travel. Not only are there neat books in leather of any color and size you fancy, ticked out with silver or gilt trimmings, with the line, "My Trip Abroad" conspicuous on the cover, but should the title seem in the least provincial, and if one were unaccustomed to foreign travel, there is another caption, more nautical, "Outward and Homeward Bound."

Some of these diaries, which friends beg the pleasure of perusing, are not much bigger than card envelopes, intended to

hold hardly more than the ship's log, with mere mention of cities and sights on the other side. Others compare in size with sheets of foolscap, and so are big enough for that delightful kind of returned traveller's book, one with little pictures here and there, kodak views, letterheads, unmounted photographs of any size, and the endless printed bits which turn up in a tour and are worth preserving.

The golf score, in college red leather, is not unfamiliar, but it is seen in such plenty that the demand for it must be large. The new books are smart and for actual use, without any of the objectionable trimmings, which made the first score books so impossible for the player who respects the game.

Her theatre book is among the treasures of the matinee girl. It is in any color, usually scarlet, and has places for names of plays, dates when seen, programmes and impressions. Some of the records have envelopes for seat checks. Women who keep in their books pictures of their favorite actors and actresses and newspaper comments on the play, sometimes prefer much larger books with scarlet leather cover for their theatrical remembrances. Such books are made without lettering of any sort, that the contents may be adapted for any desired use. Leather-covered books of this description, if a name were to be given to them, probably would be called scrapbooks.

Post offices for desks tend to insure precision in correspondence. They are neat, red boxes, divided into two compartments, marked in some cases rather obscurely, "Post Office" and "Delivery." But they do separate letters received from those to be sent.

A red leather blotting book is a treasure on a capacious desk. It is filled with sheets of the best kind of blotting paper.

NOVELTIES IN IMPORT GOODS.

Nerlich & Co. have now on view their import samples for the season of 1902. The beauty and "catchiness" of the numerous designs and the splendid quality of the goods is causing the firm to congratulate themselves heartily on their varied selections. In albums, there is a display of dozens of different lines, most of them entirely new in style and effect. The celluloid cover, pictured so richly and daintily, will be, this year, as last, the most sought after. In metal novelties, one would think that the European manufacturer had reached the height of inventive skill and workmanship. The firm are showing some really remarkable results of fancy goods manufacturing, especially in fancy clocks, ash trays, atomizers, etc., all of which they can recommend to the trade as being readily salable.