

FANCY GOODS AND NOTIONS

Dainty Boxes.

Among the season's latest novelties are some very fine fancy boxes for the toilet table and writing desk. They come in various artistic designs, among the chief of which are the imitation embossed leather and imitation carved wood designs. The boxes are designed for holding handkerchiefs and gloves. The embossed leather designs are of a dark green color, with the modified gloss of real leather, the design being of conventionalized flowers. The imitation wood carving is a really fine imitation and it is practically only by the weight that they can be distinguished from real wood. The design consists of oak leaves and acorns, which is such a great favorite among wood carvers owing to its adaptability to almost every shape, and its combined beauty and simplicity.

The same designs of embossed leather and wood carving are used on some dainty envelope and paper holders for the ladies' writing desks.

Other designs of great beauty are those where pansies and other bright colored flowers are embossed in their natural colors. They cover the same line of goods as the former—handkerchief and glove boxes and letter and paper holders for the desk. The latter, in this floral design, are provided with a movable and perpetual calendar on the box front, which is operated by means of four little brass knobs which add to the beauty and daintiness of the design. Sutcliffe-Edmison Co., Ltd., are showing a complete line of these artistic goods.

Novelty Blocks.

Among the imported German toys being shown by the Sutcliffe-Edmison Co., Ltd., is a novelty in children's building blocks. These blocks have the appearance of sandstone and come in flat boxes of about 8x16 inches, 3 inches deep. The sandstone appearance is given by a coating of sand firmly attached by glue or other means to the wood surfaces of the blocks.

Auto Goggles.

The accompanying cut showing a gentleman wearing a pair of automobile goggles, illustrates one of the many useful articles being introduced into Canada by the Chicago Eye Shield Co., of Chicago. This firm is introducing to Canadian jobbers an extensive line of eye shades, shields and goggles, which are pretty sure to meet with general favor.

Nu-Face Masks.

One of the latest fun makers on the fancy goods market is the Nu-Face Mask. It is a lithographed article and is designed to be worn without the use of strings. Instead of strings there are ear loops which fit over the wearer's ears, and instead of the nose being a part of the mask, as in the old-fashioned false face, there is a slit to fit the nose. This makes the mask fit well to the face. There are twelve highly humorous designs in these goods.

The Cathedral Bag.

It would seem impossible at first sight for anyone to produce a really new bag. The trade has for so many years been busy putting new designs on the market that every possible variety and combination seems to have

been exhausted. The seemingly impossible has, however, been achieved in the cathedral bag, now being shown by the British trade.

This bag has been designed, as its name would to some extent imply, for ladies attending church. It is constructed with four divisions or compartments. One of these contains a purse, another a combined hymn and prayer book, the third holds a silver mounted smelling bottle, while the fourth carries a handkerchief. The bag is supplied fitted with the purse, book and bottle complete, and it will be seen that the cathedral bag is a really new and thoroughly useful article.

Mother-of-Pearl Shell at Low Price.

It is reported that the price of mother of pearl shell remains low because buttons and other articles made of the dark edged variety produced in the Society Islands are not fashionable. Although the present price of shell in Papeete, \$100 to \$500 per metric ton, is less than one



half the price which such shell commanded in London four years ago, the quantity now on that market is about 100 tons. The low price of shell affects not only the prosperity of the Tuamotu Islands, but also the business of Tahiti, and, to a less extent, of other islands. Owing to the continued depression of the shell industry, the export duty of \$28.95 per metric ton (2204.6 pounds) was reduced in June, 1906, to \$11.58 per ton. A duty of \$7.72 a ton is also levied on all shell brought to Papeete for shipment abroad, it being the only port for such shipment.

In Tin Boxes.

United States manufacturers of celluloid articles will have to put their samples into tin boxes for mailing purposes. This is the requirement of the post office department and instructions to this effect have been just issued. The boxes have heretofore been mostly of wood, but the combustible nature of celluloid makes a greater risk than the post office department cares to take and has brought about the general order for a metal receptacle as a measure of precaution.