

FANCY GOODS AND STATIONERY

NEW LINES IN LEATHER GOODS.

The fashionable craze this Spring is undoubtedly the wrist bag in all its various styles and sizes. We have seldom seen a finer assortment in any line of goods than is being shown by The Brown Brothers, Limited, in wrist bags for the coming season's trade. In conversation with their leather goods man, he says there is no doubt but the wrist bag will prove very popular this year. The great variety shown by this firm certainly proves that they have confidence in the wrist bag situation. They are at present showing about 75 different styles and sizes "and still there are more to follow." A few of the most striking might be mentioned. A Japanese seal (a new leather), in fancy colors with Japanese gold surface. This is being made up in a perfectly plain German silver frame in gun metal or gold finish, and is made in three sizes, 6, 7 and 8-in. frames. The word "handsome" fully describes this new design. By the way, 7 and 8-in. frames are the new sizes introduced this year. The chains are also longer, being 18 and 20 in. in length. Owing to the great variety of patterns shown it is impossible to describe in detail any particular number.

NOVELTIES FOR CHRISTMAS.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER was shown through the special department in which Warwick Bros & Rutter have arranged their annual display of fancy holiday goods for import orders. Truly the immense range of samples to be found there contained everything a Canadian dealer could possibly require to make his holiday display most unique and attractive. A member of this firm returned shortly from visiting every foreign market where fancy novelties are to be found, and the variety of new and original effects which this house are now arranging for the consideration of the trade surpasses anything they have ever shown in the past.

To attempt to describe here the hundreds of new lines which attract the eye would be folly, but a few hints of some of the dainty features which are especially prominent might be in place, and among others one quickly notices a series of new Redwood china in jardinières, vases, ornaments and numerous other designs, all exceedingly handsome and unique. There is also a companion series on exhibition known as the "Fedora" which appears in blue and gold with a pretty figure on each in relief.

Another attractive display was made up of a line of inkstands, pipe racks, smoking sets and other novelties. These goods are made of carved wood in its original form, showing the tree bark, and are beautifully polished and finished off.

A most unique and dainty series consisted of a nickel mounted line of macknicks, including memo tablets, purses, pen wipers, razor strops, etc. The finish of these goods is bright and attractive.

A new idea that takes the eye among the array of beautiful goods being shown is the use of polished oak in the construction of salad bowls and fruit jars. The oak presents a most pleasing appearance, and, together with the nickel mountings, forms an elegant combination.

Shaving sets of unique design and numerous tobacco sundries are to be seen in many distinctive varieties. Among them gun metal cigar and cigarette boxes lined with cedar, strike one as most desirable goods. Tobacco jars are shown in several fancy styles.

Another novel line consists of buckhorn goods. There are India's dressing cases, manicure sets, paper knives, inkstands and other stationery accessories. These goods are extremely cheap, new and attractive.

Onyx and brass jewel cases and puff boxes comprise a new range which will be very pleasing for the high class trade. In purses, card cases and chatelaine bags new ideas are to be seen. One that might be mentioned is a new patent arrangement of the chain of the wrist bag, imported from Austria. The chain passes around the wrist and may be drawn tight, so making its removal by bag snatchers impossible.

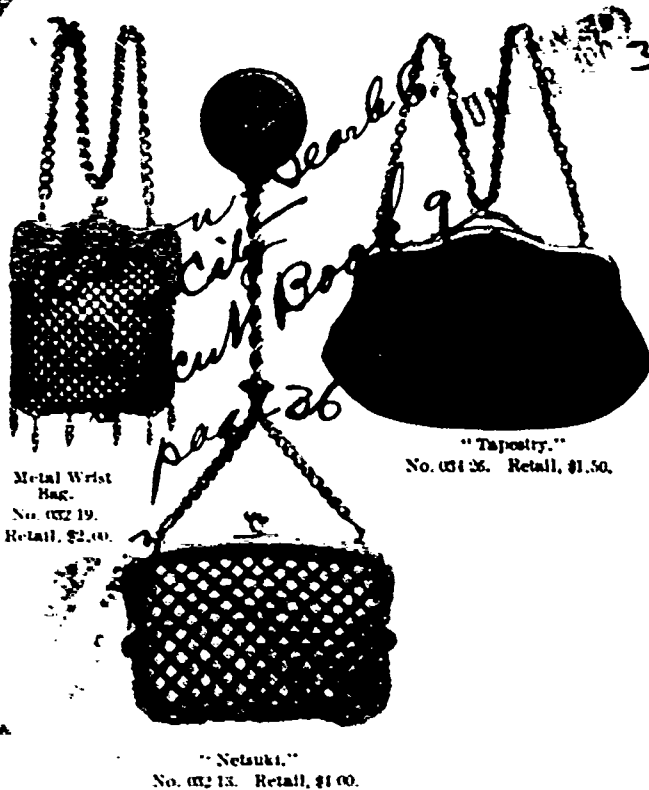
A series of brass ornamental clocks of pretty, new design, should prove a welcome addition to any stationer's stock, as also should the set of night lamps and heaters in nickel that is being shown. Bronze and metal ornamental goods are to be seen in profusion, all new in design.

The new brass bon-bon dishes show to good advantage among the china makes. There are several very interesting samples on exhibition. Then as regards a valuable new line comprising goods of Veronese pottery, too much in praise cannot be said. They are the newest novelty, if such a term is permissible, and are to be seen in pots, jugs, vases and ornaments. Candelabra of a variety of shapes and new effects are also shown.

Of the innumerable other lines being shown it will be impossible to make detailed mention. Suffice it to say that the 1903 line of Christmas novelties secured for the Canadian trade is about the best Warwick Bros. & Rutter have ever handled.

NERLICH & CO.'S CATALOGUE.

Nerlich & Co., wholesale fancy goods dealers, Toronto, have issued their catalogue of Spring and Summer goods for



1903 The catalogue is printed on coated paper, and consists of 64 pages without the cover. It is a most apprehensive catalogue, embracing sporting goods of every kind, to say nothing of a long list of novelties. The number of illustrations is large, there being four or five or more on nearly every page. The accompanying illustrations are from some of the wrist and chatelaine bags, which the firm carry in stock. A feature of the catalogue which is worthy of note is the part