

SEPTEMBER "RANDOM CATALOGUE" of H. Gray, Antiquarian Bookseller, Cathedral Yard, Manchester, is to hand.

RICHARD BROWN (Brown Bros.), George Spence (W. J. Gage & Co.), and D. L. Thompson of the Copp, Clark Co. house, have been in New York, and among the paper men down east, purchasing for the home trade.

CANADA is finding out that, in the book trade, union is strength, the Booksellers' Association of Ontario having enlarged their society so as to include Stationers and Newsdealers, as we learn from BOOKS AND NOTIONS, while from Philadelphia comes the report of the successful annual meeting of the Newsvendors and Stationers' National Association of the United States. To these associations we wish hearty success.—*The British and Colonial Printer and Stationer.*

THE CATALOGUE prepared by W. R. Haight, and noticed in our editorial column, can be had by sending 20 cents to his address in Toronto.

The San Francisco book trade, and the sheriff of the county, have become intimately acquainted during the past year. Three booksellers and stationers in San Francisco and Oakland have been sold out by the sheriff within the year. One has failed, and still another liquidated and retired from business. This would indicate business to be at a pretty low ebb in our sister city by the Golden Gate.—*Exchange.*

A natural ink is found at the bottom of a copper mine at the foot of the Kennesaw Mountain, in Cobb County, Georgia. It is a peculiar liquid of a deep wine colour, and when a few drops of nutgall are added it turns jet black, and at once becomes ink of the best quality. The records of the county have for years been kept in this natural ink, which neither freezes, fades, nor corrodes.—*Exchange.*

ANOTHER NEW METAL.—It is claimed that a New York scientist has discovered a new metal which is confidently expected to supplant the use of nickel. The hitherto unknown substance was found in a crucible in which had been mixed an explosive substance with pulverized furnace slag. It is described as being silvery white, of a fine, smooth texture, and susceptible of a brilliant polish that no exposure will tarnish. It is malleable, ductile, and of great tenacity, showing a tensile resistance of 140,000 pounds to the square inch. The slag banks along the Lehigh Valley are to be worked for the new metal.

PERMANENT PENCIL MARKS.—Probably the best and most convenient way of fixing pencil marks, is to immerse the paper containing the markings to be preserved in a bath of clear water, then flow or immerse in milk a moment; hang up to dry. This treatment will preserve both the ordinary pencil marks and crayon drawings as well.

Lady artists are getting the card trade into their own hands, and probably all the work of the world will shortly go in the same direction. What a splendid age of luxury is in store for the lords of creation!

Make commercial travellers of the ladies, and the orders will come in thick and fast; only by that time perhaps the men will have emigrated to fairer climes and greener pastures.

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