



Envelope cutters and paper knives of the latest pattern are dagger shaped and have twisted handles.

Rose perfume cases are still a taking novelty. The range of delicately molded and colored cases is larger this season than has ever been shown before.

Blotters oblong in shape have pen wipers in layers of different colored flannels, with silver knob handles, and when open reveal a receptacle for stamps.

Nerlich & Co. are showing a range of Venetian ware in water sets, sugars, creams, spoonholders, berry bowls, vinegars and water bottles, which are very unique in design and finish.

A pretty thing in curling tong sets has had a strong demand. It is a case containing a spirit lamp, a match safe and a pair of folding tongs. It is very useful, especially to lady travelers.

This season has seen an abundance of dolls' garments sold. These consist of slippers, shoes, stockings, dresses, rubber gossamers and many other varieties of garments, which are very neatly made.

Egyptian and Hungarian vases, the former of a light color and the latter of a dark, rich shade, are shown by some of the houses. These goods are somewhat expensive, but nevertheless are finding a strong market.

One of the prettiest novelties for the coming holiday trade is a library set consisting of two candelabra, some single and some double, an ink bottle, pen rack and paper knife. These are shown by Nerlich & Co., in plain brass, hammered brass and enamelled goods. These are very useful, the candles being used for sealing purposes, and they are also very ornamental. The revived use of candles has also been anticipated by this firm, and they are showing many varieties of ornamental wax candles.

Water and liquor sets in fancy wicker baskets will hold a strong share of the holiday trade. They are shown in many designs and in a large range as to quality, and have the double value of being ornamental as well as extremely useful.

A very, pretty line of plush goods in ladies' companions and mens shaving cases is made with a polished wooden rim at the top and the bottom of the box. The top is inlaid with plush and decorated with a small ornament in polished silver, such as a deer's head. These are shown by W. H. Blesdell & Co., who have also a nice range of oxidized silver purses and chatelaine bags.

A new and well-assorted stock of fancy goods is seen in the warehouse of the Boyd, Bower & Brunell Co. They are showing a very fine range of brilliantly colored Turkish tidies; a line of new stamped Denims for cushion manufacture; a very pretty line of doilies; perforated and stamped felt goods, in shaving tidies and razor pockets, scissors cases, pipe racks, letter racks, bookmarks, needle cases and egg cozies; a beautiful range of artistic silk and art muslin tidies; fantastic Indian hearth brooms; cuscas—a fan-

shaped broom ornament, made from an Indian plant, which when dampened will fill any room with a most delicate and pleasing perfume; crinkle tissue articles such as lamp shades and flower-pot covers; Japan photo baskets for holding cabinets, and a splendid range of pompons and tassels and the new combinations of tassels and pompons, which are especially fine goods.

In hair ornaments a six-pointed star in silver finish, fastened to the pin by a spring which allows the star to move with every motion of the wearer's head, thus affording a very pretty effect. Instead of the star a convex circle is used in some varieties. Dainty little hair ornaments with a colored ribbon ornament form a fast selling line. Snake ornaments are fashionable just now and some hair ornaments are shown with snake combinations of various kinds.

DRESS GOODS AND TRIMMINGS.

The past month has seen a strong demand for all kinds of fall and winter dress goods. Tweed effects are selling well, but with no very decided preference as to patterns. Stripes are in good favor, especially in diagonal or opposite diagonal effects. Dark and light colors are selling, with a slight preference for the lighter colors. Highly colored fabrics are selling fairly well, especially in tartans. Bedford cords are meeting with approval, as well as the more staple lines of velveteens, silks, cashmeres, etc.

In trimmings, feather and mohair ruchings are finding a good market, but jets and gimps are still holding the best part of the demand. Fancy buckles and buttons are selling well. Metal and pearl buttons are meeting with a good sale, as they are especially suitable and at the same time very cheap.

NOTES.

Caldecott, Burton & Spence have a beautiful line of gimps made with a tweed mixture to match the tweed dress goods which are now being shown so much and which are preferred by buyers to the plain-dyed goods. These trimmings are accompanied by buttons in tweed effects, so that the dress goods, the trimming and the buttons may all be found to match in the house of this enterprising firm, for this introduction is truly an enterprising movement. They report a large demand for surahs and silks in various light colored grounds with spots. Their Japanese silk in 22 1-2 and 27 inch goods in light shades is selling well.

Wyld, Grasett & Darling are meeting the demand of the season for large buttons by showing several lines of large pearl, metal and celluloid fancy buttons. The novelties shown in the patterns are artistic and varied. Their stock of black and cream veilings has just been renewed, the patterns being mostly nets and spots.

A line of goods which Sampson, Kennedy & Co. are pushing at present is fancy underskirts for ladies. These moraines are shown in all colors and in different styles, such as braided skirts, feather-trimmed, fancy striped, etc. They have been in much demand the past season.

Sampson, Kennedy & Co. are showing a very varied line of ruching trimmings in all the different effects, such

as mohair, feather and silk. In dress goods they are showing a very fine range in serges, in navy, black and fancy and in estimannes. Their costume tweeds contain many attractive patterns. They have a special line of moire ribbons, in which they claim to be offering especial value. Their lines of black silk and cream laces and veilings are very complete.

John Macdonald & Co. have opened up a shipment of their well known purple edged black gros grain silk, and have now filled their back orders for this specialty. They have also received a fresh shipment of black satin luxors, in which they always show good value. They have opened up a large Austrian shipment of jet buttons. These are shown in sets of buttons 4 1-2 to 12 lines, also in barrel shaped jets, which are finding a strong demand. Large horn buttons are made in mixtures to match the new tweed-effect dress goods and are having a good market.

McMaster & Co. are showing a nice range of plain and fancy frillings. Among the newest are the Carnival, Gilton, Ostrich and Chiffon frillings. In laces their stock is well-selected, and includes black and cream Spanish; Point d'Irlande in white, natural and two-tone effect; tatlings; Torchon laces and edgings; and Valenciennes. Their stock of buttons is full, especially in jets, pearls, fancy metals, and pearllets for jackets and cloaks, in all the leading shades and newest designs.

W. R. Brock & Co. are having a strong demand for fancy Jaquard dress goods. Their stock is almost depleted.

Gordon, McKay & Co. have just opened up a large shipment of black and colored Oriental velveteen, which seems to be of first-class manufacture.

McMaster & Co. opened lately one of the finest ranges of Scotch and foreign tweed effects in dress goods ever shown in this city. For style and texture these will be found to surpass, in some respects, the domestic productions, and for a street costume or travelling dress cannot be equalled. Many of the patterns shown were exclusively manufactured for themselves. They also show a full range of their celebrated fast dye chevils and estimannes.

Gordon, McKay & Co. have just received shipments of watered silk ribbons and moss trimmings. Their silk featherline is a beautiful trimming. It is shown in both German and American manufacture. Their dress goods in Bedford cords and tweed effects are worthy of attention. They are also offering a job line of sealette at a low price, in which they have secured a bargain and intend to give the buyer the benefit.

HAPPY THOUGHT CHECK BOOKS.

J. K. Cranston, store and office supplies, Galt, writes Aug. 9:—"Kindly tell your readers that orders for samples of my 'Happy Thought Counter Check Book' noticed in your last issue, will be filled in rotation as promptly as possible. I have been delayed with inquiries from subscribers to your various publications. I wish they would say which paper they saw advertisement in. I had no idea I would get so many orders."