

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Jewelers throughout Canada will oblige the Editor by sending in to this office for insertion in these notes any items of news pertaining to the Jewelry business that they think would be of interest to the Trade generally.

BUSINESS NOTES.

JOSEPH MOWAT, hardware merchant, Durham, Ont., after a long struggle has been forced to assign. Mr. Mowat deserved success and we are extremely sorry to have to chronicle his reverse.

R. H. KILLALY, hardware merchant of Can-nington, Ont., has also got into difficulties and called a meeting of his creditors. Mr. Killaly has been going back for some time so that this event has not been altogether unexpected in well informed business circles.

J. C. DIGGINS, lately in business in Strathroy, as a jeweler, and whom we had occasion a few weeks ago to write pretty plainly about, has left Canada and gone to Portland, Oregon, U. S. It is to be hoped that Mr. D. will do business there on sounder principles than he did in Strathroy.

MESSRS. P. W. ELLIS & Co., the well known manufacturing jewelers of Toronto, have just completed arrangements with the present owner of the building lately occupied by Samuel Stern, to fit it up for them as a warehouse and factory. When the contemplated alterations are completed this enterprising firm will have one of the largest and best equipped factories in America, and sales rooms and offices worthy of their large business.

RUSSELL'S JEWELRY STORE, at present run by Mr. Cuthbert, was entered by burglars on the night of the 13th May. The thieves ransacked all the show cases, taking with them gold and silver bracelets, earrings, lockets, spectacles, chains, silver cups and other goods, estimated at \$1500. The watches were secured in the safe, and not molested. The robbery is regarded bold, as there is a policeman in close proximity all the time and a private watchman engaged on the premises. Since the above was in type we are glad to learn that the thieves have been captured and the stolen property recovered.

We were favored last month by a call from Mr. Perry, the general travelling agent of the Hampden Watch Co., of Springfield, Mass. Having a little spare time Mr. Perry thought it well to act as missionary and enlighten the Canadian brethren as to the merits of the "Hampden Watch." He says that to his astonishment Canadian jewelers know about as much about "Hampdens" as he did himself, so that his work was like carrying coals to New-castle. Another proof that merit will tell.

H. F. BOHL, JEWELER, Brockville, has been sold out by some of his creditors. It appears that Mr. Bohl got involved beyond his depth and instead of calling a meeting of his creditors as he should have done and placing himself in their hands he violated the commonest principles of justice and business by letting one of his largest creditors come in and help himself to the best of his stock in order to liquidate the

account. Hearing of this some of the other creditors obtained a chattel mortgage from him and foreclosed a few days afterwards and so put him out of business. We do not think Mr. Bohl had any intention of being dishonest, but he certainly acted very unwisely in not treating all his creditors alike.

OUR sanctum was also invaded by Mr. A. G. Funck, the general agent of the Illinois Watch Co., who was doing Canada "for the good of his health," and taking in a little business at the same time as is the usual custom of our live neighbors to the south of us. Mr. Funck, since his appointment as New York agent of this company has been pushing things pretty lively, and has proved himself to be the right man in the right place. This company is now making a strong bid for public favor by putting on the market an improved quality of goods and they point to their No. 5, and I W. Co. movements as being the best value in the market to-day for the money. Mr. Funck reported sales in Canada large for this season of the year and expects to do big things in the near future.

EVERY ONE IN CANADA has heard about the robbery about a year ago of Mr. James Trotter, of Galt, Ont., and how the thieves got away with their booty and were never heard of afterwards. Strange to say after all efforts to recover the stolen property had proved fruitless, the secret accidentally came to light a few days ago and now Mr. Trotter stands a good chance either to recover the goods or get the money for them. It appears that they were "fenced" in Buffalo and the person who had charge of them being wanted for some other felony caused the discovery of Mr. Trotter's property. Mr. Trotter and his assistant went to Buffalo and identified his goods, and it is highly probable that he will get them or the money very soon. We trust it may be so.

WE direct the attention of our readers to the removal of the Toronto office and Warerooms of Messrs. Goldie & McCulloch, of the Galt Safe Works, to new premises at No. 56 King St. West, next door to the Mail building. We were glad to see this old established and reliable firm opening out in Toronto about a year ago, and must now congratulate them upon their so soon finding it necessary to increase their accommodation. This branch of their extensive manufacturing business has grown so rapidly that they have been constantly compelled to increase their producing facilities until they now have one of the most extensive and complete safe works in the Dominion. Their business here has, under the able management of their Toronto representative, Mr. Geo. F. Bostwick, grown to such an extent that the removal to the above large and commodious premises became, not a matter of choice, but of necessity, and we trust their business will still continue to increase and give them that reward which is due to sterling integrity and honorable dealing.

ENTERPRISE.—We had the pleasure last week of being shown through the immense establishment of Messrs. Hemming Bros., fancy case manufacturers of this city, and were delighted beyond measure at the enterprise and taste that this young firm have shown. Standing conspicuously in their show room is a model

jewelers window (the joint product of Mr. Millichamp and themselves,) that every dealer visiting Toronto should call and see if they wish to attract the public by the maximum of elegance at the minimum of cost. It is one of the most tastefully decorated windows we have ever seen and might profitably be adopted by plenty of our retail dealers who desire to have something new and attractive. Messrs. Hemming are now making a specialty of new set jewelry fittings for show cases by means of which a dealer can show his stock more advantageously and safely and save time and money in doing so. Their factory is very complete in every detail and they have evidently spared no pains to get to the very tip top of their business. Such enterprise merits success and it seems to us to be only a question of time when the "Horse-shoe" trade mark which this firm have adopted will be as sure a passport to favor as the stamp of Joseph Rogers & Son on a pocket knife.

WORKSHOP NOTES.

TO TAKE SPOTS OFF GILDING.—Dissolve alum in soft, pure water and immerse the article in the solution, or rub the spot with it and dry with sawdust.

BLACK VARNISH FOR IRON.—Asphaltum, 1 pound; lamp black, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound; resin, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound; spirits of turpentine, 1 quart; linseed oil, just sufficient to rub up the lampblack with, before mixing it up with the other ingredients. Apply with a camel's hair brush.

GILDING WITHOUT BATTERY.—Articles which do not require much handling, may be quickly gilt without battery as follows: One part of chloride of gold and 4 parts cyanide of potassium dissolved in boiling distilled water, and the gilding fluid is ready; the articles are hung into this hot solution, tied by a fine copper wire to a strip of zinc, scratched clean, left in it for a few minutes, and they will be handsomely gilt.

VARNISH FOR BRASS INSTRUMENTS.—An excellent gold varnish for brass objects, surgical or optical instruments, etc., is prepared as follows: Gum lac, in grains, pulverized, 30 parts; dragon's blood, 1 part; red sandalwood, 1 part; powdered glass, 10 parts; strong alcohol, 600 parts, after sufficient maceration, filter. The powdered glass simply serves for accelerating the dissolving by interposing between the particles of gum lac and opal.

TO RECOVER THE GOLD LOST IN COLORING.—Dissolve a handful of sulphate of iron in boiling water, add this to your "color" water, it precipitates the small particles of gold. Now draw off the water, being very careful not to disturb the auriferous sediment at the bottom. You will now proceed to wash the sediment from all traces of acid with plenty of boiling water; it will require three or four separate washings, with sufficient time between each to allow the water to cool and the sediment to settle, before pouring the water off. Then dry in an iron vessel by the fire and finally fuse in a covered skittle pot with a flux as before directed.

MAR BRUSHING.—Very excellent results are obtained by running the fine wire matting brush at about 2,500 revolutions per minute, applying rain water or sour beer diluted with water at the place where the brush strikes the work,