

## NOTES.

BURGULARS are plentiful in Toronto at present. Jewelers ought to see that their property is well protected during their absence from the store.

THE Jewellery establishment of Mr. W. F. Tasker, of this city, was burglarized last week, and about \$1,000 worth of goods stolen. There is no clue to the thieves.

MESSRS. WOOD & BODRICK, of St. Thomas, Ont., who commenced about a year ago, in the Crockery line, have given up business, it is said, on account of the excessive competition. We understand they purpose remaining in St. Thomas, and going into another line of business.

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE is likely to be scarce this fall, owing to the unusual activity in commercial circles in the United States. Buyers ought to order early and avoid last year's fix.

WATCHES, both Swiss and American, are hard to get. Cheap American Movements can't be had for love or money, because the factories can't supply their homemarket. Swiss Watches are also getting in better demand, as they are now successfully imitating the American movements and cases.

MESSRS. Bingham & Smith, opened out, something over two month ago, a fine auction room in this city, for which they were to pay a rental of \$1,000 a year. Neither of the firm appears to have had any capital, and the landlord says he has received no rent. Both parties seem to be missing, leaving nothing available for creditors.

JAMES HESSIE, for many years employed as a blacksmith at the Irvine foundry at Elora, died in Brampton recently. He has been a hard working man, and in the space of thirteen years made \$8,000 by the hammer and saved it. At the time of his death he was worth \$15,000. Industry and economy in his case brought comparative wealth; possibly, however, care of his health was not included among other good habits.

THE days are now past and gone for ever when any firm can repose upon its celebrity. Competition and advertising have revolutionised business altogether, and when energy directs both, old houses feel the pinch severely. There is nothing like keeping ourselves well before our customers. Says the London *Printer and Stationer*, an advertisement should be like a continual invitation to a feast—seductive and satisfying in result. Further, good goods will always pay for advertising, new customers will come again.

A DISSOLUTION of the wholesale hardware firm of Messrs. C. C. Snowdon & Co., of Montreal, is reported. Mr. L. M. Lewis will retire, the business being continued by the remaining partners.

CHANG LEE, a Chinaman, is in jail in Cincinnati, Ohio, for perpetrating an ingenious swindle on two fellow Mongolians. He procured a rough chunk of brass weighing 26 pounds, doctored the edges with gold, and represented it as a huge lump of bullion, which had been stolen and could not be disposed of in this country without great risk. The two purchased it for \$2,000, expecting to clear \$3,000 or \$4,000 by shipping it to China.

THE *Sarnia Observer* relates, upon the testimony of an observant traveller by an early train, that no less than 94 vessels of one kind

or other were visible at one time, lying at the docks or passing up and down the river St. Clair, in front of that town. The majority of them were large sailing vessels with all sails set, a sight that is not only fitted to gladden the eye of an artist or a sailor, but is an index of the wondrous inland commerce of the great lakes.

AN American journal asks.—"Is this a foreign country?" "Russia leather is made in Connecticut, Bordeaux wine is manufactured in California, French lace is woven in New York, Italian marble is dug in Kentucky, Marseilles linen is produced in Massachusetts, English cassimere is made in New Hampshire, Parian art work comes from a shop in Boston, Spanish mackerel are caught on the New Jersey coast, and Havana cigars are rolled out by the million in Chicago."

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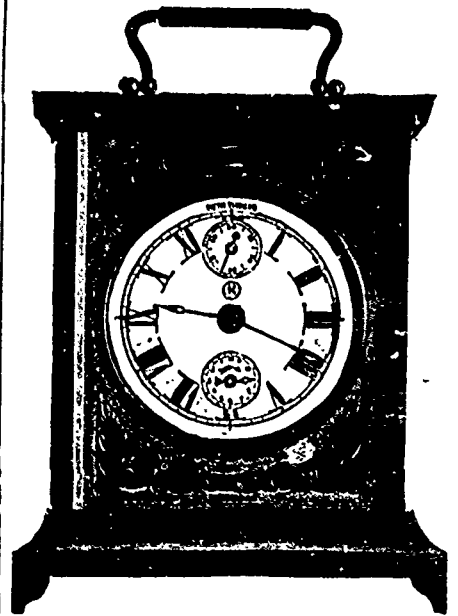
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