

as seated is nine and seven-eighth inches in height. It was bought by the firm of Rollin & Fouardent, of Paris, where its exhibition created much sensation in the art world, and was sold for 70,000 francs to Baron Edward de Rothschild, who carried it off while the authorities of the Louvre were debating about buying it, and those of the Berlin Museum were anxious to secure it.

If we remember right, it was found some twenty years ago at the Acropolis, on the site of Sparta, Laconia, and sold for a small sum to one Mr. Morlin, the English Consul at Athens. While on a continental voyage, which included Greece, the Duke of St. Albans saw the work and purchased it for \$1,000. The duke, we believe, afterward sold it again to a member of the Paris firm of Rollin & Fouardent for \$5,000.

The legendary story of the "Spinario" is as followc. A young shepherd, seeing the Latins enter in the night time the Roman territory, ran to the capital to tell the Senate. On the way he got a thorn in his foot but did not stop. He endured the pain on his continued course, and after having delivered his message sat down to extract the thorn. The Senate, in admiration of his heroism and to perpetuate his fame and patriotism, decreed that statues representing him taking out the thorn should be erected to his memory. The seated figure is that of a young man, and as he bends forward to extract the thorn from his left foot, which rests on the right by the knee, the expression of his face and the whole anticipatory shiver seen throughout his body, shows that he knows it will be a painful operation but that he intends to go through with it the youth's hair is short and the whites of his eyes are of silver.—*Exchange.*

THE MATRIX OF A DIAMOND.

Until the South African mines were discovered the diamond was always found in sands and gravels, different from the mineral in which it was believed to be formed. At Grigalant West, however, the consolidated eruptive mud of the mines was believed by some to be the true matrix of the diamond; but opinions differed on the question, and arguments were found on both sides. M. Chapar, a French geologist, has, however, during a scientific mission to Hindostan, succeeded in finding the diamond in its mother

rock. At Naizam, near Bellary, in the Madras Presidency, M. Chapar has found the diamond in a matrix of rose pegmatite, where is associated with corundum. The tract of country is almost denuded of trees, bare and rocky, and the rains wasting the rocks every year expose fresh diamonds in the soil. The rock is traversed by veins of feldspar and epidotiferous quartz. Here the diamond is always found, associated with epidotiferous rose pegmatite. The diamond crystals observed are octahedral, but less distinct in line than the stones of South Africa, which seem to have been formed in a freer matrix. It follows from M. Chapar's discovery that diamonds may exist in all rocks arising from the destruction or erosion of pegmatite for example, in quartzites with or without mica, clays, pudding stones, etc.

BUSINESS CHANGES FOR JANUARY.

W. Stein, Jewelry, Hamilton, assigned; John McGrattan, Tins, &c., Wingham, assigned; O. C. Snowdon, Wholesale Hardware, Montreal, dissolved; John H. Morris, Hardware, Forest, burned out; Robt. Boyer, Jeweler, Ridgetown, sold out; Isaac Shannon, Tins, &c., J. H. Vandusen, Hardware, J. H. Morris, Hardware, Tara, burned out; J. O. Diggins, Jeweler, Strathroy, McMahon Bros., Hardware, Kingston, Robert McMahon dead; Adams & Ryckman, Hardware, Glencoe, dissolved, Adams continues; W. Alexander, Jeweler, Toronto, assigned; Samuel Stern, Clocks and Fancy Goods, Toronto, assigned; J. J. Kelly, Stoves and Tinware, Orangeville, succeeded by A. & W. Johnson; H. C. Collamore, Jeweler, Forest, assigned.

A PSALM FOR THE TRADE.

Tell us not in doleful numbers
Trade is done for evermore,
That supply, demand outnumber,
And the drummer's day's are o'er.

Trade is real—trade is active,
Better times again we'll see;
To remain stagnation's captive,
Is against all history.

Time is long—bills maturing
Must be paid without delay;
Such the only way insuring
Better trade at early day.

Shun this reckless competition.
Look beyond the moment's gain,
Learn that honest coalition
Is far better in the main.

Stop this scheme of future dating,
Ere it has become too late;
Act at once and cease all prating—
Leave consignments to their fate.

Lives of others all remind us,
If our dealing's just and fair,
That a better time will find us
Getting all our honest share.

BUSINESS NOTES.

H. C. COLLOMORE, jeweler of Forest, Ont., after struggling against fate for years past, has at length assigned. The only wonder is that he managed to hold out so long.

We are glad to learn that Messrs. J. J. Blackmore & Co., of St. Thomas, have been awarded the contract for the heating apparatus of the Hamilton Post Office.

Business in Canada, during January, has been unusually dull, but on account of the rise in grain, the trade generally look forward to better prospects ahead. Reports generally indicate that the sales during the latter half of the month were far ahead of the first half.

S. T. CURR, Wholesale, of Toronto, and proprietor of Oulp's Patent Motor, has gone with his wife to New Orleans to pass the winter. S. T. has a "big thing" in his patent motor, and the New Orleans Exposition should afford him a splendid opportunity to push it.

We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. Goldie & McCullough's Safes, to be found on another page. This firm is thoroughly reliable and any person wanting to buy a safe, may depend upon their representations as being strictly correct.

If any of our readers have not yet joined the Jewelers' Security Alliance, they should do so at once. Procrastination is a dangerous thing, and some of our jewelers may remember when too late that had they taken the advice of THE TRADER they would have been in a much better position than they find themselves. The best men in the trade are joining, and we trust that ere the year closes every jeweler in Ontario will belong to it.

MR. WALTER DICKEY, late accountant for Messrs. Smith & Fudger, Wholesale Jewelers, of this city, was banquetted a few evenings ago at the Roarin House by his fellow-employees and friends, the occasion being his leaving the service of that firm to go to Kansas City, U.S. A very enjoyable evening was spent. We wish Mr. Dickey success in his new sphere of labor.

It is said that the Waltham Watch Company have reduced their force by six or seven hundred and cut the wages of those remaining about 30 per cent. This is the swing of the business pendulum with a vengeance, but we have faith in the Waltham company, and believe that it will not be long before they are running on full time again, and all hands at work.

MESSRS. C. N. THORNTON & Co., the well-known makers of the Boss and Keystone Cases, have added a new Albata Cap Case to their already extensive line of goods. They have named these goods "The Leader," and we have no doubt but that they will find a ready sale for them. The reputation of the company is a sufficient guarantee that whatever they put upon the market is first-class.

THE Customs Authorities in Montreal seem to be making some large hauls lately. The last development is of a prominent firm of custom brokers who, it appears, have been in the habit of passing goods for various firms in the city on fraudulent invoices of their own manufacture, and at about half of their real value.

It is probable that the Customs Authorities will make an example of this firm. So far as it