

Grenoble a collection of medals in gold which have been valued at 800,000 francs. They were contained in thirty-five cases, all of which were opened with false keys except one, which was forced. In all, 1,911 medals have been, it is said, taken away by the thief or thieves. The intrinsic value of the metal stolen is estimated at 20,000 francs. Access was obtained by an unguarded door in the basement.

### A MAKER OF "RARE" GOLD COINS



THE other day, says the Topeka (Kan.) *Commonwealth*, United States Attorney Hallowell was riding in a car when a man passed a gold coin on Matt Cleary, conductor of the train, and noticing that it was old looked more closely at it, when he discovered that it was a bogus coin in one sense. Deputy United States Marshal Smith was aboard the train, and Col. Hallowell directed him to arrest the man. He gave his name as Arlington, and was locked up in the gaol at Olathe for the time being and brought to this city last night by Deputy Marshall Smith. When searched at Olathe he was found to have seven more of the bogus coins in his possession. They are duplicates of old coins, issued 1794, 1805, for numismatists, or purchasers of old coins, for the purpose of forming a collection. The coin our reporter saw bears date 1805 and is very neatly minted, of a good yellow color, like the genuine old coins, when brass was used as alloy, instead of copper, as now. It is not charged that the coin is not worth \$5, because it is gold; therefore it is not counterfeiting, but it is the manufacture of a coin of a similitude to the coin of the United States, and punishable. The coin is worth to a numismatist about \$100, and it will be seen that the manufacture and sale of a number of them would net the operator handsomely if he were not detected.