

country to become interested; if \$250,000 of stock is not enough to go around it can easily be increased at any time; it only involves the cost of paper and printing. I am particularly in need of a small amount of funds just at present, and, therefore, make this liberal offer; who first sends in \$100 for stock in the bicycle watch movement company, shall receive 500 extra shares as a gratuity. This is an opportunity no one should miss while but one person can reap the benefit of it. Who will be the fortunate person to send in the first \$100? Inquiringly and bicyclically yours,

ANISTARCHIUS PLUMBAGO.

P. S.—I forgot to mention that the bicycle movement is particularly well adapted to running a sewing machine, or to act as governor for a steam engine; it will also do the washing and ironing for a small family, or may be adjusted to rock a cradle or brush flies from the dinner table. It is an exceedingly handy thing to have in the house, besides being the most accurate timekeeper known.

ANISTARCHIUS P.

—*Jewelers Circular.*

### BUSINESS CHANGES FOR MAY.

J. C. Bolster, jeweler, Sarnia, Ont., going out of business; Gordon & Ellis, hardware, Simcoe, Ont., dissolved, F. Gordon continues; Davis & Petley, jewelers, Lindsay, Ont., dissolved, S. J. Petley continues; A. V. Galbraith, jewelry, Shelbourne, Ont., burned out; R. C. Bothwell, jewelry and fancy goods, Toronto, assigned in trust; Jackson & Halliday, hardware, Brussels, Ont., dissolved, W. Jackson continues; H. Benham, jeweler, Toronto, admitted J. H. Gregor as a partner, style, Benham & Gregor; W. R. Anderson & Co., hardware, Collingwood, Ont., burned out, McKee & Davidson, hardware, Peterboro', Ont., dissolved, R. B. McKee continues.

### BUSINESS NOTES.

MR. H. SMITH, of the firm of Smith & Fudger, sailed for Europe last week. THE TRADER wishes him a pleasant voyage and safe return.

S. T. CULP is so busy selling his patent motor now-a-days that he has no time to eat, and very little for sleep. He is making it go, and will probably make half a million dollars out of it before he gets through. This patent motor business is a long way ahead of jewelry these dull times.

We had a visit last week from Mr. Fogg, the genial representative of the Boss and Keystone Case Company. He says their business, in spite of the dull times, is flourishing, and they are as busy as they care to be. This is one of the beauties of making a good article that people have confidence in.

A HAMILTON commercial traveler left \$100 under his pillow at the Walker house, Toronto, a few days ago. The honest chambermaid placed it in safe hands, and when he rushed in some hours later with every hair on end and found his money safe, his feelings so overcame him that he forgot himself and gave the girl a dollar.

MR. JOHN W. CAMPBELL, formerly with McNaught & Lowe, has gone back on the jewelry business and bought an interest in the Culp motor, which he proposes to run in Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, and several other places. We rather think John W. has struck it this time, and wish him success in his new venture.

ON the morning of May 3rd, as the night express was crossing to Point Edward, Detective Collier, of the Canadian Custom-house, discovered three large trunks filled with gold watches, jewelry, silks, and cashmeres. Twenty-five yards of fine silk were also found concealed in the lining of an old overcoat. The trunk belonged to two strangers, who, upon being detected, jumped from the train and escaped in the darkness.

OBSERVE the progress of liberal ideas in commerce! A clothing dealer in St. Louis having lately offered to give a stem winding watch to every buyer of a suit of clothes, his next-door neighbor, who is a jeweler, has revenged himself by offering to give a suit of clothes to every purchaser of a stem-winding watch. And still we wonder at crime.

THE watch business seems to be booming if one might judge from the number of new price lists of these goods that are being sent out to the trade. McNaught & Lowe have just issued a very concise and handy list of Hampden movements and silver and gold cases which will be found specially useful for pocket reference. P. W. Ellis & Co. are just out with their new catalogue of Waltham and Elgin watches and cases, which is very neatly done up in book form, and certainly a credit to the compilers.

MESSERS. John Kerry, president, Thos. White, M. P., and J. B. Rolland, members of the Montreal Board of Trade, with members of the Commercial Travellers' Association of that city, went last month to Quebec as a deputation to solicit the Government to repeal the law that imposes an annual license fee of sixty dollars on all travellers from outside doing business in the capital. This has been a standing grievance for a long time, and in these modern days should be swept away. A great many expensive law suits have arisen out of the impost.

NOT before it was time a new express company has been started in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway and Vickers' express for the purpose of forwarding parcels to any part of the North-West. This new Company proposes to take packages via Owen Sound and Port Arthur, and require no invoice or bonding charges as under the old system. To any person who has had experience of the delay, impertinence and expense of shipping by the American Express Company, this new departure will be hailed with the utmost satisfaction, and THE TRADER for one wishes the new express company a long and prosperous career.

WE are sorry to learn that Mr. W. H. Davy, jeweler of Chatham, Ont., was badly injured by the falling of a grand stand at the athletic sports, held at that city on the Queen's Birthday. Mr. Davy, we understand, had his wrist broken, and having had a personal experience of the same thing the editor of THE TRADER is in a position to sympathize with him. We wish him a speedy recovery, that is of course unless he has an accident policy that will bring him in fifty dollars a week, in which case we would advise him to let it heal as slowly as possible.

THERE are many gentlemen in New York who thought they "knew it all" a month ago and believed themselves solid capitalists. To-day they sing sadly with Hans Breitmann:—

O vot is all dis earthly bliss,  
And vot is man's sooccess?  
And vot is various oder dings,  
And what is habbiness?

We make deposits in a bank,  
Straightway the pank is preak,  
We fall and smash our outsides in  
Vere we a den sdrike make.

Dull and all as Canadian jewelry business is, it is ahead of Wall street brokering in panic times.

ONE Saturday night last month, a Windsor policeman saw two strangers loitering about Lowe & Co.'s jewelry store, occasionally peering into the windows. The pair separated, and one of them went up the street, broke into Craig's blacksmith shop, and stole a hammer and other tools. When they met again they were seized by officers and taken to the lock-up, where a lot of burglars' tools, consisting of drills, files, punches, gunpowder and fuse were found upon them. Seven fine steel saws were extracted from the undershirt of one of the men. They gave their names as John Harrison and John McCarney, of Toronto. They were committed to Sandwich jail for examination. On the way to the lock-up Harrison threw a revolver into the ditch.

WE have just received from the publisher, Mr. A. Fischer, of London, England, a copy of his new trade directory of watch and clock makers and jewelers and silversmiths of Great Britain and her colonies. This work, which is neatly bound in crimson cloth, a kind of jewelry Dun Wiman without the financial or credit ratings, is a most complete thing of its kind, and strongly verifies the truth of the old saying. "There's life in the old land yet." Like any other directory which treats of England, London occupies the lion's share, the names alone of that city's dealers in jewelry occupying no less a space than 32 pages. Birmingham follows next in order with 7 pages, hardly a fair method of comparison, as the jewelry trade of Birmingham probably aggregates as much as that of the world's capital. This book is the first of the kind that we have ever seen issued of Canadian jewelers, and speaks volumes for the enterprise of the publisher. The only pity is that Mr. Fischer did not get his information up to a later date, instead of being put off with three year old lists. So far as we know this fault is only in connection with Canada, and we trust he will remedy it in future editions.