ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS OF EVERY-DAY LIFE.

Stranger than Fiction.

crowd of fellow trainmen who had is a superstition among the railroad men ing namesake. along the road that every wreck on that division is presaged by the appearance of a dead face on the track just ahead of some train as it goes along the road. This dead face has appeared several times during the past year, and in every instance it has been followed by a wreck, until now it is looked upon by all trainmen as a warning sent to tell them of coming danger, and when it is seen it is impossib e to get those who have seen it to go out on the road until they hear of a wreck. In the instance just mentioned there was not a laugh or smile that greeted the assertion of a coming wreck, but each man shook his head and looked solemn. They were not long in suspense, however, for as they were talking the wires brought news of a wreck of a freight train in which two men were badly injured. An investigation of the story shows that for over a year there has been a belief among the men on the road that they receive warning from some one who has been killed by a train. The apparition takes the appearance of a dead face lying on the track in the full glare of the headlight. No body can be seen, and when discovered by a new man he has the impression that some one is nothing was to be found.

THE details of one of the strangest duels ever fought has just been related by a prospector who has been in the mountains southwest of Las Vegas, New Mexico. The country is near the border line between old and New Mexico, and the people there are a mixture of the two The young men, an American and a Mexican, fell out over a young woman they both loved and it was determined to end the enmity with a duel. While in the company of mutual friends the Mexican taunted the American with being a member of a race of cowards and turned loose. If either came stand, while the Mexican followed, but sciousness. was hesitating in his manner. The doors had been closed but a short time when the Mexican was heard to scream out walked out unhurt, and then it was found that the Mexican had not been bitten at all, but had scratched his hand on a proit a spider's bite.

result in favor of tabby. Alligators infest the river, and it is considered danlarge, but appear to make up in activity what they lack in size. A house cat belonging to Mr. Walton was in the habit mussels and such fish as it could get. and it was noticed several times that ripple in the water showed that an alligator kept pace with it. The cat, however, was aware of the alligator's presence, but showe I no signs of fear. On day mentioned the cat approached too near the water in its eagerness to get a fish and was suddenly grasped by the hind leg by an alligator frenzy, for it came out on the bank and tried to continue the pursuit. The cat turned on its enemy and a fierce fight began. The cat was so quick that it retreat to the water. But the cat now reptile was bleeding and almost exhausdred wounds. The cat was seemingly unhurt except in the wounded leg. which | pronounced insane by a jury. was injured before the fight began.

Twelve years ago Bryce R. Blair, ir., son of a prominent citizen of Carbondale, Penn., went to Colorado to seek his for-His parents heard regularly from him for three years. The last time he wrote them he was in Marysvale, Utah, pump. but was on the point of going to Idaho No tidings have come from him since want a drink they pump it. One pumps searching for him for nine years. Not spout and drinks, and they take turns long age he inserted an advertisement in about.

young man. A reply to this advertise- then leisurely gorged himself with two ment was received from a man in Salt | shotes, which so swelled his body that he Lake City, who said a man named Bryce | could not pass out through the same | ITS | PROPOSED INTRODUCTION | supplied to guests and strangers. R. Blair, answering exactly the descrip- aperture by which he had entered. Later tion of the missing Carbondale man, in the day the owner of the ranch Dr even to being left-handed, was living in French, discovered the introder, and Queer Episodes and Thrilling Adven- Lander, Wyoming, and had been there shot him. tures Which Show that Truth is about nine years. Young Blair's parents, while unable to account for the long silence of their son, had no doubt "THERE will be a wreck on the road that they had found him at last. The to-night boys." This was the expression clue was followed up, but, although the made by Braxeman Robert Hariand, on Bryce Blair in Lander is the exact double Mrs. Harrison's Interest in Orchids. the steps of the depot at Winfield, Kan- of the Carbondale man of the same name, sas, on a recent Thursday night to a in age, size, weight and peculiarities, he proved that he was the son of James gathered there during the evening. "I Blair of Nebraska, and was not even resaw the dead face as I came in." There lated in the remotest degree to his miss-

neighborhood complained recently that Mansion, but studies, cultivates and their poultry yards had been raided by paints them. wild animal, he examined the tracks tale he told concerning the finding of and intelligent suggestions.

PROBABLY the most remarkable occurrence ever known happened in Dawson lying on the track with the body in the last Wednesday says the Savannah News. shadow. It is always in the same place Martha Roundtree, the well-known negro and looks toward the approaching engine woman who kept a restaurant at the with eyes wide open. Several times the south end of Main street, now occupies engineers have stopped their trains just a grave at the cemetery, the result of a before they reached the place, confident sneeze. The physicians of Dawson say that a dead man was lying on the track, that they have never heard or read of a but when they got down to examine it similar case. Wednesday the woman, as well as usual, was at the restaurant attending to her work. She had just left the rear of her eating saloon and walked to the front when she was attacked with an excessive spell of sneezing and coughing. She had been afflicted with hernia, and the strain was so great as to burst a hole in her stomach. Surgical aid was called in and her stomach sewed up, which gave temporary relief. She lingered until late Saturday after-noon, when she died. The victim of this remarkable occurrence was a large woman, weighing 216 pounds.

Some particulars of a remarkable case said the Americans had no bravery. The of revival from apparent death have President's family, and naturally it is American, of course, disputed this and come to hand from St. Petersburg, Russia. his constant study to please. said he would test the Mexican's bravery A lady who had been suffering from a if he wished it. He would be willing to violent nervous attack sank into a state the pansy. The ladies have noted with go into a dark room with the Mexican of syncope, and after a time ceased, as interest that many of Baby Cleveland's For some reason which is not explained he was to have the girl. If either another medical man, Dr. Loukhmanow, delicate aroma was always distinguishashowed the white feather and came out saw the body, and having been informed ble. It is still cultivated in profusion, before the death of the other or before that the lady had saffered from attacks but by no means so extensively as from all the tarantulas were killed he should of hysteria and catalepsy, thought it 1886 to 1889. give up all claim to the girl. The Mex- worth while to make a thorough examinican was disposed to refuse, but the fear ation. After trying various other means and the superintendent of the conservaof being looked upon as a coward caused he applied the microphone to the region tory recall with interest and pleasure him to accept. The foom was prepared of the heart, and was enable by this inand the two men went in. There was at strument to hear a faint beating, which least a dozen tarantulas in the room and proved that life was not extinct. Every- has shown a greater knowledge or more walked boldly into the room and took his who shortly afterward recovered con-

A MAN in Biddeford, Me., is in a queer predicament regarding a piece of property. He owns fifty acres of land somethat he was bitten and was dying. The where in the suburbs of the city, but doors were opened and he staggered out just where that land is no one seems able the best that could be produced. It was and fell to the floor. The American to find out. The property was be- not sufficient, however, that they be supqueathed to the perplexed citizen by his plied in profusion. There had to be a grandmother, and the boundary lines showing of good taste in their arrangehave not been run for many years. ment on the tables and mantels. Presitruding nail in the wall and had thought There is some faint record of the original grant, but nothing clear enough to ONE of the most remarkable combats establish the lines of the plot. The city | ing his friends over the place and pointever witnessed in this country occurred has advertised the land to be sold for recently on Holmes River, near Vernon, taxes, and the owner is in hopes of find-Fla. In the battle a cat and an alligator ing his own. He will let the city go afought for three hours, with the final head with the sale and bid in the land himself, and then the authorities will be growing of plants. The conservatory obliged to establish the boundaries, for, gerous for any person or animal to go as the citizen argues, the city can't sell and temperate. The system of heating, near the bank. The saurians are not anything it can't deliver, and can't delighting and ventilating is as near perliver anything it can't find.

Wonders will never cease. The latest ingenious scheme is in the interest of the of going to the river and feeding on farmer, and promises to dispense with plowing, using dynamite to stir up the earth. Holes are drilled in the soil two when the cat moved along the bank a or three feet deep and five feet apart, making 1,600 to the acre. In each hole is placed a sufficient quantity of the explosive, connected with a wire leading to the battery, and after the holes have been plugged with clay, the whole is discharged by a spark. In recent experiments, after the explosion the ground appeared to be lifted two feet, some about three feet long. The cat made a clods being thrown to the height of thirty spring and got away, but the leg was feet, while the earth was found to be bitten badly and bled freely. The taste broken to the depth of thirty inches at of blood seemed to put the alligator in a the point of explosion, and for a con-

siderable distance around the holes. MARY HAYWOOD has been living in the woods near St. Heding, Texas, like a was impossible for the alligator to get a wild animal for the last six years, and bite at it, and the result was that the during all that time has never slept servatory, like the White House itself, saurian was soon endeavering to beat a under a roof. She wore a dress made of reeds and leaves, and has lived principalbegan an offensive attack and cut off the ly on pecan nuts, although she would way, nipping the alligator in the throat make nocturnal raids on smokehouses to the limited space persons who wish to and tender spots under the arms until the and steal meat, which she devoured raw. inspect it must receive permission to do them to secure it in win er as well as She would never permit any one to come so, and they are accompanied by the near her, and the people of that section superintendent or a guide. It is one of hours, and when at last the alligator tolerated her presence until her thieving the attractions of Washington. Students captured her through strategy. She was the city do not feel that their visit is

A Georgia farmer is raising two caives that are being brought up to help themselves, and as a consequence, requi e less care. They are kept in the barn, near a well, from which water is taken by means of a common cistern The calves have learned to operate the pump, and whenever they His father has been constantly while the other puts his mouth under the

a Salt Lake newspaper, describing his son minutely, among other things saying at the Tule ranch, near Alamo, Cal., and said the Empecor, with a frownthat he was left-handed, and asking for effected an entrance through a hole jus [Argonaut.

SOMEWHAT STRANGE, information concerning the missing large enough to admit his body. He

WHITE HOUSE FLOWERS.

Mrs. Cleveland Liked Pansies.

Mrs. Harrison, the accomplished mistress of the White House, is passionately fond of orchids, writes the Washngton correspondent of the Minneapolis FRANK PIERCE of Etna. N. J., is a noted Tribune. She not only has them in prohunter, and when several farmers in his | fusion about the rooms of the Executive

The White House conservatory conof the robber, and declared, unhesitat- tains over 150 varieties of the orchid, ingly, that they had all been made by a numbering in all perhaps 5,000 plants. coon. He started out to prove the truth These have the special care of Superinof his assertion by capturing or killing tendent Pfister, who is one of the most the chicken thief. A little later he re- experienced florists in the country. The turned without any coon, dead or alive, superintendent is greatly stimulated in but carrying under his arm a very small the development of this beautifull dog nearly dead from starvation. The flower by Mrs Harrison's appreciation the dog was worth several ordinary 'coon | tendent Pfister states that when he took stories. He said that he hunted a big charge of the White House conservatory, coon into a wood, where it disappeared sixteen years ago, the orchid was little behind a pine tree. The lower part of known outside of botanical clubs and the trunk was hollow, and when he put the homes of the wealthy. There were his ear to an aperture about three feet then only half a dozen specimens on the above the ground he heard something ground of the Executive Mansion, and breathing. He cut another hole lower no one seemed to realize the possibilities down, and drew out the little dog. The of the plant. There are many private 'coon was not there. The dog, he thinks, conservatories in the East where more chased something into the tree, and could money has been spent on the orchid than attended with great difficulty and unnot get out. Evidently it had been there at the White House, but nowhere has it been cultivated with more skill, patience

or affection. It has been one of Mrs. Harrison's ambitions to reproduce with her brush the manifold beauties of this flower, and her painting master has spent a great deal of time in the conservatory making special studies of her favorite plants. Some of Mrs. Harrison's work in this line is very successful. She has delighted her friends with her faithful imitation

Mrs. Harrison's taste in the matter of floral decoration for the White House is somewhat different from that of her prelecessors. She prefers solid colors on the table. She does not want the roses | tighter about these poor native Alaskans. mixed. If they are white, they are to be all white, and if red they are to be all red. Whatever flower has the preference for the day, its wealth must be or bouquets. The limited capacity of the conservatory prevents the establishment of any inflexible rule on this point, but the superintendent makes it his business to understan! the tastes of the

Mrs. Cleveland's favorite flower was fixture in the White House, when

The old employes of the White House President Arthur's fondness for flowers. No occupant of the Executive Mansion sometimes amusing to the attendants and vexatious to the florists to see the way he would disarrange their floral decorations. He was always seeking to harmonize the colors of the floral designs. He wanted flowers in every room and dent Arthur spent a great deal of time in the conservatory. He delighted in showing out the rare and beautiful specimens.

The White House conservatory occupies about an acre of ground. There are eight greenhouses devoted to the proper is divided into two parts, tropical and temperate. The system of heating, fect as could be devised. All of the buildings are under glass. There are rare tropical plants are to be seen, as well as all the native or more commonly known flowers. Just at this time the Easter lily is receiving special attention and the specimens of this plant are both numerous and beautiful. The rose reaches its most perfect state in those grounds. On an average 100 roses a day are placed in the White House. The President gets a basket almost every morning for his office. Occasionally the supply runs short and something else is substituted.

The appropriation for the White House conservatory averages about \$5,-000 per annum. With this sum the salaries of three men have to be paid, the house kept in repair, and soil and plants How so much can be accomplished with so small an amount of money is hard to understand. The conthe District of Columbia have the privilege of going there once a year. Owing complete unless they are able to spend an hour or two there.

# A Difference in Adjectives.

Napoleon was one day searching for a at last discovered it on a shelf somewhat above his reach. Marshal Moncey, who was present-one of the tallest men in the army-stepped forward, saying: Permit me, sire. I am higher than your

### THE REINDEER.

INTO ALASKA.

It Will Provide Food, Clothing and Transportation-A Never-Failing Food Supply.

Captain N. A. Healy of the United States revenue steamer Bear recently wrote the following respecting the proposal to introduce reindeer in Alaska; The three great problems of existence of both natives and whites in the territory of Alaska are food, clothing and transportation. They are to be solved m a rigorous climate, a rough and almost impenetrable country and one in which no.hing as yet is produced from the ground. The food supply must either be found in the flesh of the wild animals and birds of the country or brought from without. With the white population the food might be said to be brought wholly from without. The enormous expense He takes a handful of the former and this entails has kept this population down to the narrowest limit of employes of firms or companies capable of maintaining stations there and confined these stations to a few scattered well-known points along the immense stretch of sea coast or on some of the principal rivers, as the Yukon.

The native population of the northwest part of the country depend for food upon whale, walrus, seal, fish and what few wild an mals, such as deer and caribou, they can kill. The whale and walrus have been so persistently pursued by white men that they have rapidly diminished and are now so scarce and shy that their capture by the natives is certainty. This scarcity of their principal supply of food is greatly felt by the natives along the whole northwest coast and to such an extent that in the short | space of winter whole villages have been wiped out. I have seen almost the entire population of St. Lawrence Island lying strewn about their huts dead from starvation. The interior natives are dependent wholly upon caribon and deer and what fish come into their streams during the short summer. Caribou and deer are rapidly diminishing there, as they have in other countries, and the fishing streams are being taken up by white men, so that the lines of existence are on all sides being drawn tighter and

Clothing of reindeer skin has been found the best and only kind to withstand the intense and continued cold of the country. These skins are now bartered shown in solid pieces, whether in baskets at a high price from the natives of the Siberian coast and are passed along the Alaskan side from village to village, increasing in value the farther they go from the Bering Straits. The experience of white men and natives has been the same, and even in our summer visits to the country we on the vessel use rein

deer clothing to keep from suffering. The methods of transportation now in use in Alaska are by dog trains and boats. and there decide the point. But the it seemed, to breathe. The doctor who first garments were embroidered with By boat it is impossible to travel nine stipulation was that in the dark room was attending her certified that death pansies. After President Cleveland's months in the year, and during the three there should also be a lot of tarantulas had resulted from paralysis of the heart. marriage the pansy became a regular months of summer, when the streams are open, they can be used only down stream. By dog trains transportation is limited, slow and uncertain, and the greater part of the load is taken up with food for the animals. These dogs have been so closely bred that they are now degenerated in size, strength and sagac-I have for years been requested by natives to bring them a larger breed to improve their dogs and the Hudson Bay ompany has imported the English masalso two scorpions. The American thing was done to resuscitate the patient, refined taste on the subject. It was tiff for use in trains where the native dog is too slight.

Among the whites the greatest difficulty experienced by miners, missionaries, explorers and residents has been the want of a rapid and assured means of transportation. The history of every expedition that has penetrated into the country any distance from the coast has been one of suffering and oftentimes hunger from the difficulty of travel and packing. Horses, cattle asses, and other beasts of burden, excepting tame reindeer, are out of the question, because they cannot live in the country, and it is impossible to provide food for them when snow covers the ground the larger part of the year. On account of this difficul- T ty the country except along the sea coast and a few of the navigable streams is as little known today as when it was first bought, and those great mineral deposits which Alaska is said to contain

remain as vet undiscovered To my mind the only satisfactory sonearly 5,000 plants. Hundreds of very lution of all three of these problems, important as they are, is the introduction of tame reindeer into the country. In proper numbers they will transform the | T native population from a fishing to a pastoral people and prove to them a never-failing supply of food. The hides C of the animals already furnish almost the only clothing used, but at a greatly exaggerated cost. And to the white exolorers, miners, missionaries and settlers the reindeer will prove a means of transportation and packing that will enable them to learn and develop the resources

of a vast country. The natives of Siberia have for centu- T ries herded and reared the tame reindeer and thus been safe against periodical periods of starvation when the whale and walrus tail them. They are a strong. swift and hardy animal, tractable and easily broken to harness or packing, and especially adapted, or, in fact, made for is open to visitors. All the children in the country and climate. In travel they T are self-sustaining. The supply of moss upon which they feed covers the whole of northern Alaska and instinct leads summer by burrowing through the deepest snows. It is not necessary for us to speak of the value of such pack animals from the two poems that besides having gave up it was bleeding from over a hunare equally valuable and when supplies many cases identical and are expressed fail are equally valuable as food.

the southernmost boundary to Sitka -but | Tynan's to that immense territory of 500,000 "My baby came in a month or less; square miles of the north and west of She was far too young to be motherless." which the world has no knowledge and no conception, and to which the Alaska book in the library of Malmaison, and of the tourist bears is much relation as United States.

# How Hotels Are Robbed.

country carry upon their annual ex- depth.

pense account from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars chargeable to paper, envelopes, matches and toothpicks The strangers use more of them than the guests. A square box, in which are kept a dozen necessary things—such as cards, matches, envelopes and too:hpicks stands on the counters of most hotels. This box has to be constantly replenished. The proprietor of a large New York hotel furnishes some interesting information regarding the way in which his hotel is systematically robbed by guests and strangers. Five hundred envelopes and one thousand sheets of paper are required daily. Strangers appear at the desk, and with the utmost nonchalance ask for writing materials, which are furnished if the person be respectable in appearance. It is a common thing to see strangers enter a hotel writing room and fill their fountain pens from the ink-bottles. Blotting-paper given away costs ten dollars a month.

appear at the rate of a dozen a day. But these are not the only losses to which hotel men are compelled to submit. The attendants in the washroom will tell you that strangers enter and slip cakes of soap into their pockets. The small hand-towels that are supplied to guests are carried off at the rate of hundreds every year. There is a difference in the class of men who merely take what is supposed to be free and those who filch what is known to be the property of the hotel. The latter men are thieves! Tidies are carried away from the chairs, and sheets and pillowcases from the beds. The botels on the European plan suffer most from pilferers and dishonest patrons.

Every visitor to the hotel believes him-

self entitled to toothpicks and matches.

fills his pocket-matchbox at the counter

with the latter. It costs fifteen dollars a

month to supply these trifling articles.

Pens and penholders and ink-bottles dis-

#### A Remarkable Coincidence.

A few weeks ago I published in these columns my theory of the mental microbe, which has attracted such attention in the scientific world. For the benefit of those who did not see the former article I may say that the theory is this: There floats in the air the microbe of an idea, and two of these microbes may enter the brains of two persons so that each person will write a book, or a story or a poem similar to the book, story or poem of the other person. If the microbe enters the brain of one person several years after it has impelled another person to write, the chances are that the person writing later will be charged with plagiarism.

A very curious instance of this has been brought to my attention by a literary man in London.

In Harper's Magazine for April, 1891, there is a poem by that talented Canadian poet, William Wilfred Campbell, entitled "The Mother." It is a very sad and powerful work. The story is this; A young mother dies and is buried. Her husband marries again and the dead mother cannot sleep in her grave for "I dreamed of my babe for a day and a night.

And then I rose in my grave clothes white.

She goes to her husband's house and takes her baby back with her. Precisely the same idea was the theme of a poem entitled "The Dead Mother," written by Miss Katherine Tynan, the well known Irish poetess, whose first volume was published in 1885 and her second two years later. The poem in question was published in America in Charles Wells Moulton's "Magazine of

Poetry" at Buffalo in July, 1889. Now there is not the slightest doubt in my mind that Mr. Campbell never saw Miss Tynan's poem, for if he did, it would have been suicidal to his reputa- | ill. tion to publish one of his own so similar in so widely read a publication as Har per's Magazine. Mr. Campbell's verses are of two lines each; Miss Tynan's are of six lines. The situations are singularly similar. Here are some instances, the first being from Miss Tynan, the second from Mr. Campbell:

"I stood upright from the sleeper's

And down through the graveyard I took my wav. I rose like a flower from my damp earth bed

To the world of sorrowing overhead, But I stole me past the graveyard wall. For the voice of my baby seemed to

call." "As I went down thorugh the little town The kindly neighbors seemed sore

"Men would have called me a thing of harm. "I was forgotten six months or more

afraid.

And a new bride walked on my husband's floor." 'My babe was asleep in a stranger's

arm. "I reached the door of my husband's And swiftly I came to the upper

band s home. The chamber stairs in a dream I clomb. "My babe of little more than a year

"I passed the streets to my hus-

I hushed her weeping with ' Mother is here. "I kenned me a voice, though my

lips were damb. 'Hush, baby hush, for mother is

It will be seen from these two extracts in almost similar language. In Mr. I am referring not to the Alaska of the Campbell's poem, as I have said, the tourist-that narrow strip of island from mother takes the child with her; in Miss

-[Luke Sharp, in Detroit Free Press.

A buoy has been invented which is inthe state of Florida does to the whole tended to be carried upon vessels, and will automatically detach itself and rise to the surface. Being connected with the vessel by a small line, it will thus locate the position of the vessel should The large hotels in all the cities of this she founder in water of reasonable

### PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

EPITOME OF NEWS GLEANED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE STATE.

At McKeesport, in a theatre, "Oklahoma Frank" attempted to shoot an apple on the head of an assistant. His aim was untrue and the builet entered his companion's forchead, inflicting a probably fatal wound.

Ox a boat at Monongahela City James Evans fatally shot his employee, P W. Painter. Jealously caused the crime. W. J. STITELER, of Media, found poison in

some medicine he was about to take. Carbolic acid was also discovered in his horse E. F. ACHESON, of Washington county,

was nominated for Congress by the Republi can Conferences of the Twenty-fourth Con. gressional District. JOHN ROLL, aged 21 years, was sent to a bank in Easton with \$540 by F. C. Williams,

He failed to deposit it and has fled to parts THE Philadelphia Presbytery, north, met

at Doylestown. Commissioners to the General Assembly were chosen.

AT the Bethlehem Iron Works, the two armor plate barbettes made for the turret at San Francisco, were passed by the Government Inspectors.

PAUL H. HACKE and Dr. B. Grimes of Pittsburg, will be prosecuted in the Westmoreland County Court as a result of the recent wolf chase at Greensburg.

ETHEL FOSTER, the 10-year-old daughter of William Foster, a wealthy farmer living near New Castle, was abducted by strange men who, it is believed, will hold her for a ransom. The child lived with a relative and during the latter's absence she was cap-

MRS. SCHMIDT, of Chester, a defendant in the Pfitzenmair murder case, has become insane, and will be confined in the Norristown

THE memorial statue erected in honor of Geter C. Shidle, late Deputy Grand Master of Masons, was unveiled in Pittsburg.

TILLIE WACK, a 15-year-old milk-maid, of Rochester, after stealing \$16), disappeared from home. The girl was found in male attire living with tramps near Lectonia,

JENORO TRICARIO shot and killed Guiaze Mankorats at Honey brook, Schuylkill county during a debauch. THE first defenders met at Reading and

formed an association with Colonel Bosbyshell of Philadelphia, as president. Representatives from all of the five companies were

DURING a riot among Poles and Hungarians in Shenandoah tour men were badly injured-Stones and clubs were freely used.

Dr. M. L. NARDYZ, an Italian physician who formerly lived in Philadelphia, has disappeared from his home in Pittsburg. His friends tear he has been murdered by the Mafia, whose secrets he is said to have made

NEAR Hazleton during an Easter celebradon one Hungarian was killed and another seriously stabbed by fellow countrymen. MES. MARY TEUYEL, of Altoona, died

uddenly after taking a dose of medicine Poisoning is suspacted.

GEORGE BILLINGS and Emma Bolten were arrested near Wilkesbarre, on the charge of forging names to a pension application. AT a meeting of the Philadelphia Presby-

tery, North, at Doylestown, the appeal of Rev. W. P. Hendrickson, who had been dismissed from the pastorship of the Jeffersonville Church because he had not been ordained as a Presbyterian minister, was dis, cussed. After a lively debate no action was

THE Pennsylvania Military Academy at-Chester has been closed owing to the existence of typhoid fever. Two deaths have, occurred and five other students are reported?

JOHN HOTZERMA, a Hun, was arrested at Allentown charged with the murder of John. Onzick, a fellow-countryman, at Stenton. during a drunken brawl.

THE Board of Trustees of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, elected Rev. Dr. Ell Huber, of Philadelphia, to fill the lately endowed "English Bible" chair in that institution.

JOHN HOFFMAN, of Pittsburg, who had been ill with the grip, committed suicide by shooting.

# Uses of the Bamboo.

It is hoped by the Department of Agriculture that the bamboo may yet be cultivated in this country, as it is in China, where it supplies a large part of the wants of the people, being applied to more than five hundred different purposes. In the Flowery Kingdom it takes the place of both iron and steel. The farmer builds his house and fences out of it, his farming utensils as well as his household furniture are manufactured from it, while the tender shoots furnish him with a most delicious Negetable for his table.

The roots are carved into fantastic images, shaped into divining blocks to guess the will of the gods, or cut into lantern handles and canes. The tapering culms are used for the props of houses, the framework of awnings. the ribs of sails and shafts of rakes, for fences and every sort of frames, coops, and cages, and the handles and ribs of umbrellas and fans. The leaves are sewed into raincoats and thatches. The shavings and curled threads furnish materials for stuffing pillows, while parts supply the bed for sleeping, the chopsticks for eating, the pipe for smoking, the broom for sweeping, the mattress to lieupon, the chair to sit upon, the table to eat on, the food to eat, and the fuel to cook it with, etc., etc. In fact, its uses are almost without num-

Norming sharpens the arrow of sarcasm so keenly as the courtesy that rollishes it; no reproach is like that we clothe with a smile and present with a bow.

Norming is done in good style in New York. There was a train robbery there recently, and the robber didn't even hold up the perter of the sleeping-car.