EVERY-DAY LIFE.

Queer Episodes and Thrilling Adventures Which Show that Truth is ter, to whom he was given up, tried to Stranger than Fiction.

ONE of the quaintest electric-light plants in this country is that recently started in Florida, on the coral reef known as Key West, at the very end of the finger that the United States reaches out towards Cuba. The city of Key West now has a population of 23,000, chiefly colored sponge-fishers and Cuban cigar-makers, and has a corps of active American merchants who are making carats. their energy tell in many directions. So porous and friable was the coral when who resides at West Fork, Ark., wishthe excavations were made for the sta- ing to kill a fowl for dinner, caught a tion, the water bubbled up all the time, large Leghorn rooster and chopped its on a level with the rest of the apparatus, wires together, an ordinance was passed, ently cats and swallows with as much in the interests of a higher civilization, ease as it did before being beheaded, he circuits.

Is a microscopical artic's in one of the great German quarteriles Dr. G. A. Lindner discusses the occurrance of the "eels" which are so common in weak or impure vinegar. The male of this interesting little species of serpent measure 1 to 14 millimetres and the female from 11 to 21 millimetres in length. They move very actively in any fluid medium, but in thick or sticky concoctions coil themselves into knots and lay dormant for days together. They thrive well if fed on an egg diet; will also live on fruits and bulbs. They can survive tolerably strong vinegar, but die immediately if put in pure acetic acid. One of the most wonderful facts concerning the reproduction of vinegar cels is that the female reproduces viviparoasly or ovipariously, according to the nutritive medium and the temperature! They flourish best in a temperature between of gold from its crop. sixty degrees and eighty degrees, and are killed when the temperature runs up to above 107 degrees, or below the freezing point. How they get into vinegar is Texas some time in the forties. A bully one of the unexplained mysteries. Some eminent men of learning have attempted Schuyler. The latter struck his oppoto prove that they get in during manu- nent and accepted a challenge to fight it facture; exactly how, they do not explain.

Among the stories of extraordinary coincidences, not the least curious is the the landlord to have a julep ready for Leeds Mercury says he can vouch. short time ago a lady in London wished to write to a friend in America whose address she did not know. The only means she had of procuring the address was to write to a mutual friend, who also lived in America. This she accordingly did, and the letter was duly despatched. The ship which carried the letter was wrecked, and the mails for a time lost. They were eventually recovered and now much damaged by sea water, being the knapsack of the robber were found she found that another letter had become closely stuck to it. Holding up the twofold missive to the light, she deciphered to her own. It was a letter addressed to her own letter had been despatched. an illustrated edition of the valiant its own answer. STORY telling was in order among the enthusiastic sportsmen of the Baltimore Gun Club at a recent meeting, says the The other day, in the presence of a large at Frog Morter shore shooting with my uncle. Early one morning I saw thou- two fifty six-pound weights in a similar sands of canvasback ducks close in shore. mass, and not one remained on the water. strike the water, looked up and saw dead weigh fifteen hundredweight. ducks falling through the air. You see the live ones carried the dead ones up bears a remarkable resemblance to a with them. We picked up 43 dead ducks when all had dropped. Some crippled birds which could spread their wings with long, thick white wool. The wool claim of forty-three dead ducks showed no gunaer, when telling a story, ever his body grows so rapidly that he is kills an even number of ducks or birds. A FARMER living in the northern part of Mitchell County, Kausas, while digging a well in ground that had never been broken, came across the skeleton of a small animal which those versed in such things declared to be that of a common house cat. The skeleton was found at a depth of thirty-five feet in a bed of magnesian limest me. There is much speculation as to the way it got there, as it is perfect in every part and in excellent preservation, though showing the signs of great age. In Norton County, in the large. has retained the bones, which will be days of her glory. sent to the state university. It is sup-A VERY- strange history is connected with the discovery of diamonds in Bahia.

distant city. Such wealth in the hands of masterpieces. of a slave caused him to be arrested, but he would not betray himself. The mas-

get his secret by cunning, but without avail until he thought of restoring to him his former occupation in Bahia and watching him. As soon as the secret was known numbers flocked from Minas-Geraes and other parts of Brazil to Bahia, so that the following year as many as 25,000 people were occupied in seeking diamonds there and the amount daily obtained for some time rose to 1450

A SHORT time ago a Mrs. Samples, An Astonishingly Good Meal and a and it was found necessary to place the head off, after which she threw it on the Just think of a meal in that semi-barbarheater, condenser, pumps, and hot well ground. The rooster had no sooner ous place down in the hot lands of Mexico struck the ground when it jumped up equal to the best to be had in the Italian instead of in the pit dug for them. When and ran off, leaving Mrs. Samples almost or French restaurants that stand high in the boilers arrived, they were taken paralyzed with amazement and astonish- the favor of artists and other bohemians through the streets on skids and rollers ment. The rooster ran down to the de- in New York! There were nine bountiat the rate of half a mile a day. In pot where it was caught by the station ful courses, served in excellent style, at some places the only way to get the poles agent who took it in charge, and by care- a total cost of three reales, or thirtyup was to set them in barrels sunk in the ful nursing and attention, that headless seven and a half cents in Mexican money, ground and filled with broken stone. It rooster is alive to-day and enjoying the hardly more than twenty-five cents Amappears that in Key West, as in China, best of health. Its food is administered erican, with exchange reckoned as it was kite-flying is a favorite amusement with through a small tube, and while it is per- then. The watermelon served at dessert adults; and as the kite-tails pulled the feetly helpless to pick its grub, it appar- was the most delicious I had ever tasted imposing a fine of \$5 on all kite flyers. and the most remarkable thing of all is, the mouth. The melons in this region Then, when the plant went into opera- it never forgets to crow. This may be are raised on the sandy beds of tion, torches were carried along the lines. seem a little incredulous and fishy to our s reams in the dry season, where they at the end of a long pole, so as to burn readers, yet its authenticity is vouched mature quickly in the intense heat. For away all the kites and tails that festooned for by a number of our citizens who have drink there was pulque from Apam on seen it.

golden eggs may have been a good anecdote in the good old times before the Great West was discovered, but a story by the "quality"-the visitors from the from Butte, Mon., overtops it. A few days ago J. A. McConville, who lives in Montana street, killed one of his chick- and rancheros with their families. These ens for dinner, and was surprised to find latter, like farmer-folk the world over, I a quantity of gold nuggets in its crop and gizzard. Having thirty-one chickens of speech, exchanging but few words as that had scratched in the same patch, he they sat at table, awkwardly handling began post-mortem prospecting on them. their knives and forks, and evidently In each chicken he found nuggets, and awed by the unaccustomed magnificence the total quantity gathered had a cash of their repast. Don Ernesto had entervalue of \$387. The gold was sold to the ed into a little friendly chaffing with State National Bank and pronounced 18 Maria, a proceeding upon which a good carat fine. Mr. McConville bought fifty chickens and turned them out to do band, looked with evident disapproval. chickens and turned them out to do scratch mining on the gold fields surrounding his hencoop. After four days her husband, under her breath. he killed one chicken and mined \$2 worth

ONE of the most horrible and blooly, yet novel, due's ever fought in this country occurred in a small frontier town in abstainer! named Gamble insultel a man named out with a bowie knife and a revolver in a dark room. Before being locked in with his "victim," the outlaw ordered

ments. history of a letter for the accuracy of him in ten minutes. When the doors "Take her photograph," suggested which the London correspondent of the found dead and Schuyler, although badly bear ity seconded by all hands. But even wounded, alive. In this terrible contest here the function of a hand-camera ap-Schuyler fell on the first shot of the outpeared to be known, and Jovita took sudlaw's pistol. The shots were continued cen alarm. until he thought his man was dead. He "No, no,' she appealed. Hhr head was mistaken, for when he stooped to drooped, pretty fingers went shyly to her ascertain the truth of his supposition, mouth, a flush stole over her brown Schuyler concentrated all his energies cheeks, and she stood there with face and dealt a mortal blow. averted, a picture of maidenly shame. A SOLDIER on duty near Valencia, in She was now on her guard, and ever Spain, has just accidentally killed the glanced apprehensively towards us. brought back to England, the letters, notorious highwayman, Lauterner. In Every time she saw the instrument aimed in her direction she would turn returned through the Dead-Letter Office gold and jewels to the value of \$25,000 her face quickly away. It was too to the senders. The letter in question and a full arsenal of burglar's utensils. shadowy in the fonda for a good snapwas sent back to the lady, who naturally There were five masks of black skin, a shot, and so I really did not lose any. examined it minutely. To her surprise large butcher knife, two small knives, thing. But when we rose to leave, Jovita three revolvers, several dozens of door was standing by the range, well out in keys, no end of keys for safes and the light, and awaiting an order. She chests, a rope ladder of remarkable make had seen us start, and deemed herself in the address on the one which was stuck with iron braces for fastening to railings safety. She was looking the other way. of windows or balcon'es, and a larder I was within a few fect, and my camere the friend to whom she had wished to consisting of a large fish, a leg of mutton, was ready. write, and to discover whose whereabouts a loaf of bread, and a library containing "Adios, Jovita!" I said. She turned my way unthinkingly. Her letter thus literally brought back knight Don Quixote of La Mancha, by Click went the shutter, and I had her. A shout of merriment from my com-Cervantes. A sraova man, Sullivan by name, has panions greeted the success of my stratagem, and the expression of dismay on appeared at the Aquarium in London. Jorita's face gave way to a rippling little smile, as if to say that now it was Baltimore Sun. Rufus A. Brainard re- gathering of representatives of the press lated this experience; "When I was a and others, Sullivan swung a fifty-six. done, it was no great harm, after all .-boy I borrowed a flint-lock gun, and was pound weight round suspended from a [Harper's Magazine. chain with his teeth, followed by bearing way. The athlete then lifted a barrel An Odd Luck Piece. I ran to the blind, and leveling my gun, filled with some liquid substance, 500 banged away. The ducks arose in a pounds, with the centre fingers of his A gentleman who is well known in right hand, and brought his performance Tiffin, O., but who makes frequent visits My uncle came to me and scolded me for to a satisfactory conclusion by lifting not waiting for him. I saw something an elephant. The animal was said to the capital, carries in his pocket a peculiar, old-fashioned screw for luck, as he says. The screw has a head about PETER PATRICK, a colored man sixtythe ducks were so closely massed that five years old, living near Rutledge, Ga., was found in the old Presbyterian gravethe size of an ordinary button, and it yard in Georgetown. The relic was His skin is black, but is head. sheep. shown to a Post reporter by its owner, face and the rest of his body are covered who told when and how he came by it. were carried off by their fellows. There on his body appeared when he was twelve ing about the cemetery, I came across an years old and was perfectly white then. open grave, and as I was peering down He has a special fondness for sheep and that Mr. Brainard was up in shooting, as often sleeps with them. The wool on bright lying at my feet in the tangled into its open depths I saw something sheared twice a year and his fleece sold. grass. I picked it up and found the A convict made his escape at Bren- or nail firmly imbedded in a piece of ham, Texas. a few days ago, in a sort of partly decayed wood, evidently the cor-Count-of Monte-Cristo style. With a ner of an od coffin. 'Iaking out my number of others he was working on a knife I whittled away the wood and railroad embankment. When none of found it to be a screw about two inches the guards was looking the convict lay long. I placed it in my pocket and have selves with the magazine gun, and the down in a hollow made by the spades. carried it ever since. The grave near matter of replacing 2,000,000 or 2,500,. The gang threw earth over him until he where it was found was one of the oldwas completely covered. When camp est in the burial ground, and the screw, was reached and the roll called, the es. I have since been told, is at least one cape was discovered. hundred years old. Its brightness led me to be lieve it was made of gold, and "VIOLETS while you wait" will be one it has since been tested and pronounced northwestern part of the State, a portion of the inventions of the near future, and to be 12-carat gold .- Washington Fost. of the skeleton of some extinct animal our pretty, preconceived romances about was discovered thirty feet below the sur- the modest little flower will vanish like face of the earth imbedded in stope. the Pocahontas myth and the William "The Barrens" of Kentucky. That portion of the skull remaining in- Tell legend, for an unpoetical man in tact measured three feet across, while Paris has succeeded by means of elec-That portion of Kentucky that has the other bones were proportionately tricity in forcing ciolets and sent a bunch assed into history as the "Barrens" was John Warner, who uncarthed of his first successes, four hours old, to parren only in the sense of being, when the find, has not been able to give a very ex-empress Eugenie, who was always the white men came, unusually bare of definite description of the skeleton, but surrounded by the tragrant blooms in the timber. The present Barren County was a part of that comparatively timberless IF a usually well-informed correspondsection, and, with its rich soil and supeposed that they date to the glacial period. ent is correct this is how the famous rior agricultural resources, may be taken pizture of Casar Borgia, sold for 600.000 as an illustration of what is here stated. francs to the Rothschild family by Prince In all probability the main cause of the A cunning slave from Minas-Geraes, Borghese, was sent out of Rome. A absence of trees on the "Barrens" keeping his master's flocks in Bahia, conting of wax was laid over the famous turned on the fires annually kindled by thought he observed a sing larity between Casar, and an artist painted the portrait the Indians .-- Courier-Journal.

SOMEWHAT STRANCE. the soil of his native place and that of of Pope Leo XIII. on the wax. It was Bahia. He sought, therefore, in the sand then dispatched to its Parisian destiand soon found 700 carats of diamonds. nation, the coating of wax carefully ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS OF Fleeing from his master, he carried these peeled off, and the famous Casar now with him and offered them for sale in a ornaments the Rothschilds' great gallery

> DAVID P. SUTHERLAND, of Seymour Ind., is cutting a new set of teeth. He is seventy-four years old and had all of his teeth extracted five years ago. Since that time he has been wearing false teeth. Some days ago the old gentleman's gums became very sore, and to his surprise a tooth broke through. Others quickly followed and a new set is promised.

A DINNER IN MEXICO.

Pretty Waitress.

Our dinner was astonishingly good. -a deep red pulp of a firm texture and mealy crispness that almost melted in the the table-land, brought by railway train THE story of the goose that laid the to the nearest station, and thence hauled by teams across country.

This fonda was, of course, patronized neightoring great estates, city people who had come over from Jonacatepec, believe, were undemons rative and chary 'Drink!" she was heard to remark to

"Yes," he responded, with a confirmatory glance.

Poer young fellow, to be so harshly misjudged for his metropolitan manners, when his delicate health made him a total

Jovita, one of the waitresses, became a great favorite with us all. She was a girl of about fifteen, slight, with regular, delicately chiselled features, and glossy dark hair falling in two long braids-a type of lovely rural innocence. There was an exquisite shy grace in her move-

ABOUT CANNON.

SHIP.

Making.

Mr. Edward W. Very, head of the Hotchkiss establishment at Paris, and an authority on ordnance and naval construction, was interviewed the other day at Washington in regard to gan mak-ing in Europe and the United States.

in answer to the question "What is going on in ordnance in Europe?" Mr. Very said that there was little that is absolutely new these days. "It is," said he, "what may be called an era of anticidoubtedly as great opportunity for starlling developments in ordnance and in have reached an advanced state of pro- ments. "ciency, and that vessels of war have atained a very high degree of formidaoility, does not mean that that proficiency and formidability may not be increased by substituting strong for present weak by entirely changing the most promising feature.

"How do the facilities for producing ordnance and armor in the United States | anything but a rapid-fire piece. compare with those of Europe?"

"Excellently. Of course, Krupp and Armstrong have larger establishments than any in this country. More men tre employed and there is a greater vatiety of ordnance turned out at each of bese immense plants than in the manufactories on this side of the Atlantic. There is a larger market in Europe than in America, and up to this time there has been more reason for the developments and enlargements of European gun shops than there has been for the omestic plants. There is nothing better anywhere, proportionately, to their tize and limitations, than the Bethlehem that no living being or animal can drink Works and the Carnegie Works in Penntylvania.

"There is no Government establishment anywhere, I believe, that surpasses in point of workmanship and the quality | with which they come in contact. of its product, the gun foundry at the Washington Navy Yard. There are not many countries, most of which are more day. There can be produced, without tutside aid here now, almost every conseivable form and feature of the arms of battle, and every year these facilitiesell of which have developed within an incredible short space of time-increase and improve."

glycerine is equally absurd. It becomes valueless in warfare from its treacherous element. The ordnance SUPERIOR AMERICAN WORKMAN- chemist must soon begin to show the results of his researches in this direction. "As things stand at present gun cotton

is the best high explosive that has yet How the United States Compares been developed that is as safe as gun-With European Nations in Gun powder. You can drop gun cotton out of a window to the sidewalk below with about the same effect on the surroundings that so much wood would have, but if you drop a package of nitro-glycerine or dynamite to the pavement the shock and damage would be immense. Emmensite has met with some favor. That is an American invention, and although I am not familiar with its nature, it is successful from all accounts."

The solution of the problem of rapidfire ordnance is a matter that requires pation, since everybody is waiting to see great mathematical and engineering skill, what will be developed next. It is no for the troublesome question of weights easy matter to suggest anything that can plays an important part in the producrevolutionize ordnance as it at present tion of this useful type. A rapid-fire xists. The most that can be done is to gun for field service must not be over mprove upon what has already found 7200 or 7400 pounds in weight, includapproval among the experts, and these ing gun, carriage, limber, armunition, mprovements are constantly going on, and the five men who operate the They may include no more exciting and weapon. The entire outfit must be sensational feature than an interrpupted capable of being drawn by six horses. hread in a minor screw, but it contri- This limitation of weights makes it exbutes, in its small way, to the greater tremely difficult to secure strength reofficiency of a weapon. There is un- quisite to sustain the strain of the discharges of the piece. Weight and strength to a certain extent go together, zaval construction as there has always and it took some time to prepare a weapbeen. The fact that steel rifled weapons on which would meet all the require-

The invention of a rapid-fire gun meens a good deal more than the furnishing of a rapid-fire mechanism. All guns have a recoil, and this recoil in field ordnance includes the carriage and the catures of the existing system and even gun, the result being that the outfit is thrown out of position after each shot. The work of gaining this lost position and reloading the weapon makes the gun

The Lake of Ink.

Nearly all the 3,500 Cocopan volcanpes in Arizona are situated near the cast end of the volcanic area, which they occupy. Several large mounds, once living volcanoes, are now quiet. Between these hills of lava, rock and debris, are a large number of living, active volcanoes, says the Evening Wisconsin. From the sides of the hills, 50 to 200 feet above the surrounding waters, come forth most beautiful springs of clear, warm water, some so sour, others so sweet, so bitter and so strongly alkaline it. These waters course down the hillsides, laying a coat of white, pink, purple, blue or green, made by the mineral salts they contain, upon everythiag

In the midst of these hills is the Lake of Ink. There run into it scores of streams of clear mineral hot water, others likely to wage war than the United that are warm and two that are cold. States, that have better facilities for the The lake, one-fourth of a mile in length production of war material within its and one-eighth wide, lies like a gem set own borders than has this country to- in these hills or these ancient volcanses. The black ink-like water which fills the lake comes up to within three or four inches of the level of its shores. The temperature near the edges is about 110 degrees, gradually growing warmer as you get down in it, and as you approach the centre of the lake, on the surface, it is about 156 degrees, and at the depth of "What part is smokeless powder play- 250 feet it is 216 degrees. Near the ing in the ordnance development of Eu- shore in the east, south and west sides the water is only four to six feet in depth "Very little just now. Two years ago for twenty feet or more into the lake, the matter was being technically and where the shelf breaks off perpendicularpopularly di cussed on every hand, but ly, and there no bottom has ever been found.

PENNSTLVANIA ITEMS.

EPITOME OF NEWS GLEANED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE STATE.

JAMES VAIL, of Pittsburg, discovered his missing wife living with George Baker in Johnstown and agreed not to molest her if she gave up her two little sons, which the woman did.

THE trial of Charles Law, accused of the murder of Francis Hershey in West Manchester, York county, during a fight, was begun at York.

JOHN GILKEY, while sick in bed near Pittsburg, cut his wrist with a knife and bled to death.

WHILE workmen were repairing a Pennsyl, vania Railroad car at Altoona, fitteen railroad bonds of \$500 each were discovered in the closet.

WM. DALTON, a Philadelphia commercial traveler, was assaulted by foot pads near Pittsburg and robbed of a watch and chain.

THE latest victim of the typhoid epidemic at Hyatt's Academy, in Chester, is Cadet Syer, of Buffalo. The Senior class will be graduated at once, and the academy building will not be reopened until September.

THE last body of the victims of the Lytte Colliery d sister at Minersville was recovered. THE P. rry County Prohibitionists held a County Convent on at New Bloomfield. Revs. S. P. Reamer and C. S. Alexander were elected state delegates. A county ticket was nominated.

THE body of James Buggy, one of the ten miners drowned at Primrose Colliery, was recovered. Zerbey and the Italians are still under many feet of water. There is doubt as to where the rush of pent-up Water came from many older workings having now been reported to have also been tilled with water.

THE new structure of the Zion Lutheran congregation at Manheim was dedicated with impressive ceremonies. Rev. J. W. Menges, late of Philadelphia, is the pastor.

A D : ANCE sheets of the annual report of Secretary of Internal Affairs Stewart show that many corporations, particularly telephone and telegraph companies, which are apparently doing good business, report no dividends.

A GANG of colored toughs broke into the pool room of John Bentley, at Hollidaysburg, and in the fracas that resulted Bentley shot David Keith, the leader of the gang.

THE fifth annual convention of the Harrisburg district of the Young Men's Christian Association at Gettysburg closed after conseeration services in the Methodist Church.

MRS. JAMES VALE, wife of the superintendent of the Platsburg Gas Company, deserted her husband and removed to Johnstown, where she was found living with Geo. Baker, a former employee of the superintendent's. CONTINUED illness and despondency caused Henry Scholle, a wealthy Pittsburg German, to commit suicide.

THE building of the Allentown Rolling Mill was wrecked by a dynamite explosion. Three men were injured, one of them fatally. L. E. KLOTZ, son of ex-Congressman Klotz, of Mauch Chunk, fell down the side of a mountain near that town and was killed.

WILLIAM GROSS, who lives at Greer's Conner, Bucks County, was severely gored by a mad bull.

rope?"

the problem has been partly worked out. The United States is not far behind in the race for a suitable smokeless powder. The navy has a powder of its own for lake when its waters are quiet are from guus as high as six-inch, and it seems to me that the certainty of smokeless powders for the higher calibres has been demonstrated. Certainly the records show the domestic powder to be excellent in every way."

"How about magazine guns?"

spes, from which the United States can exhilarating to a wonderful degree, so the ideal weapon. I am free to say that utes makes one feel as if he were under I do not like the magazine gun, and that the influence of the very best brandy. the Springfield, with thirty calibre, is a better and more reliable weapon than the corresponding magazine gun, because it is just as rapid a shooter. I have no objection to the magazine arm on account of its consumption of ammunition. I believe in rapid fire, but I think that the Springfield rifle is in reality as quick that has the confidence of the soldier."

"You favor a smaller calibre, then?" was suggested.

"It is a universal opinion that the calibre of small arms should be smaller. Starting with fifty, it decreased to fortyfive, and is now thirty all over Europe, and it is a question whether they will not get to twenty-five, but nothing has been positively done in that direction. Even f twenty-five is demonstrated as a suitable calibre for arms, it would take a great many years to realize it in Europe, because it would mean a costly change in the existing weapons. France, Germany and Russia have just armed them-000 rifles will take time. They must next silk off the cocoons, or by reason of difchange the field artillery, and will probably be content with the present infantry it will prove successful here upon a large rifle for a few years. The effort to de- scale, as the cheaper wages in those velop a small arm will go on as hereto. fore, however."

"Now that smokeless powder, the small arm, and the magazine rifle are in the hands of the developer, what will be the next step of the discoverer?"

"The finding of a safe high explosive probably. Everybody is talking just now about dynamite guns, and the universal desire seems to be to fire dynamite out of an ordinary weapon, regardless of hood that the action will demolish the growing may become a profitable induscarriers-a high explosive that will not try here, but we would not notise any enemy. The idea of shooting nitro- litions.- Boston Cultivator.

To the touch the water feels smooth and oily. The ashes and oil which cover the one-half an inch to an inch thick. The water of the lake is jet black, though it does not color the skin of those who bathe in it. Under a glass the coloring matter seems to be a minute black substance. held in suspension by the water, which adheres to white cloth immersed in the lake. To the taste the water is warm, "Ail Europe is armed with magazine salt and bitter. To the bather the senguns. Different countries have different sation on entering the water is grand, select the one that approaches nearest to | much so that a bath of ten or fifteen min-

Silk Cultivation.

It is said tha' silk as a fabric was unknown to the people of ancientRome or to the Greeks or Hebrews, as the best authorities deny that it has any mention in the original writings of our Bible, fire as any magazine gun. It has, too, although the word appears in the transsin pler mechanism, and is a weapon lations. The Chinese claim to have begun the rearing of the worm and the manufacture of the fabric about 4,600 years ago, or 2,600 B. C., and ritained a monopoly of it until the year 130, when some missionaries from Rome nanaged. for the sake of a liberal reward offered by the Emperor Justinian, to smuggle some of the eggs of the silkwarm from China into Constantinople, togeher with a description of the process of caring for them and handling the cocoos: After that the breeding of the worms and making of silk developed very apidly in Southern Europe, particularly in Italy, where now it is largely carried on. It is s id that seven different insect/ are bred for their silk, while more thin twenty others are silk producing, but intutilized because of difficulties in wilding the ficulties in rearing. It is not lkely that countries where it is grown could enable them to produce it at les cost, as long as so much of the labor must be done by hand. Perhaps it might furnish occupation for a certain class the could not perform work requiring much strength, but who have plent of time and patience. But then a trophe would be to find enough such ones tgether to make it profitable for others to establish the plantation : needed for raring the worms and find a market for the silk. the fact that dynamite is not safe to have Perhaps when Southern Europe, India around, It is unsafe to transfort. What and China become so advances in civili-

is needed is a high explosive capable of ration that the rate of wages there adbeing carried about without the likeli- vances to the standard here then silk

become actually deadly until it meets an one to enter into it under preent con-

MONTAGUE BURRELL, a cadet of the Penn. sylvania Military Academy, died cf syphoid fever at Chaster.

Ber Fellow Creatures.

"I'm very hungry, marm. Will ye please gimme somethin' to eat?"

The woman on Brainard street, at whose door the tramp knocked, gave him a piece of bread and some cold meat, and closed the door on him. Then she went to the window and saw him disappear in the alley, from which issued a long. low whistle.

"Ha, conspirators," said the woman aloud. "accomplices, no doubt;" and she looked to see tramp No. 2.

And he came, slinking along from between the buildings on the opposite side of the street, a sorry enough looking object-a cur of low degree. She watched and saw the tramp breaking the bread and meat into small fragments, and feeding tramp No. 2 with them.

The woman raised the window and called aloud:

"Hello, there! I don't give away good vittles to feed a dog.'

"Oh, marm," said the tramp, humbly, "he's my pard, and he's ,more hungrier than me, an' he's kinder plelicate-like in his appertite. an' there's somethin' tells me, marm, he ain't got long to live. You don't mind, marm, do yer, if I goes without to give it to my pard?"

The woman stammed down the window, sniffed a minute, then went into the pantry and gathered up all the loose pieces of breat, and meat and cheese and pie she could find. Then she called to the tramp:

"Take these, and what you can't eat you can carry along. I don't go much on dogs as a general thing, but you might be in worse company. Anyhow, I'm not going to see two of my fellow creatures starve before my eyes."

And she resumed her interrupted work with a blessed consciousness of having done the duty that lay nearest to hea-Free Press.

Footprints on Aucient Sands.

There was recently received at Denver a piece of a rock which was once tramped on by several pairs of small and well formed feet. The rock must have been soft at that time, for the impress of two sandals is plainiv outlined, just as if a cast had been made to show the inhabitants of the coming ages how artistically beautiful were the feet of those who wandered in the mountains before the invasion of the white men. The rock was found near the brickyards at Golden, Col. It seems to be of an ordinary limestone formation, except the surface where the prints are, which resembles sandstone which has been worn smooth by water. One indentation is particularly noticeable. Although similar in size and contour to those made by sandals, it has a heel-mark which is sharp and deeper than the others.

To begin talking about money will do a good deal toward curing 'deafness in! some folks.