

DECLARED A LOCKOUT.

This is a true story, otherwise it mightn't be so funny. A certain well-known carpet manufacturer of Kensington was very much later than usual in arriving at his home one evening, or rather morning. Be it known to his credit that this is not a common occurrence. Upon reaching his doorstep he made the startling discovery that his key was not in its accustomed place in his pocket. Undaunted, he dingled the doorbell. The second-story window rose, creaking in the still midnight air, and a head was thrust out, a woman's head. "My dear," said he, "I've left my key, please let me m." "Where've you been?" came back the answer. "Well, some of us manufacturers have had a meeting in regard to some striking weavers, and I was unavoidably detained." "All right, then. I'll declare a lock-out," she said. And the window came down with an ominous bang. The upshot of it was that Mr. Carpet Manufacturer was obliged to scramble up the back porch, and enter his own house like a burglar. The subsequent proceedings are not recorded.

—In paying a five per cent, dividend to employees on their wages during the past six months, the King Philin mills, Fall River, Mass, will distribute over \$10,000. In four years the mil's, it is said, have raised wages 33½ per cent. This wage dividend is for the purpose of encouraging a superior quality of work and making the employees interested in the welfare of the concern.

A wagon load of silver and gold com, amounting to \$137,000, was delivered in Cleveland, O., the other day, as payment for the Muhlhauser woolen mills property. The company was declared bankrupt, the property appraised and a bargam made with W. H. Stecher. He made a cheque, but this was refused, as it was not legal tender. Stecher then went to a bank and got the com. It was placed before the court and was refused by the creditors, but has become a part of the court record.

-T Morley, of Leicester, Eng., has secured a patent for an invention to produce on a plain machine a ribbed instep and plain foot. The ribbed leg is first knitted on a ribbed machine, and then run on the plain machine. The rib needles alternate with the cylinder needles in such manner as to produce the required pattern of rib, and are preferably carried in tricked needle holders, which may be cast with the cylinder or which may be separate, in the latter case they have tails held in place by clasp rings. In running on the ribbed legs all the needles are at the same height. The rib needles are now transferred to tricks in a half dial provided with the usual supports and cams, no separate transferring points being the necessary. The heel is now knitted on the cylinder needles, and the foot on both plain and ribbed needles, thus producing a plain sole and ribbed instep. The needle holders may carry two rib needles, if desired.