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A man ran into a physician's office in St. Joseph, Mo., the other day and said a man had swallowed a two-foot rule and was dying by inches. The doctor said that was nothing as he had a patient once who swallowed a thermometer and died by degrees. A couple of patients chipped in, one saying it reminded him of a fellow in Texas, who swallowed a revolver and went off easy, the other said he had a friend in Manitoba who drank a quart of applejack and died in good spirits.—  
Exchange.

## FOUND BY FINGER PRINTS.

A curious result of recent adoption by the United States army of the system of identification by finger prints, just reported to the war department, is the discovery in the person of a soldier at Fort Leavenworth of a British murderer for whom the Scotland Yard authorities searched for years.

The man was a prisoner in the United States penitentiary, serving a five-year sentence for a military crime. When the warden, following the general order to take the finger print records of all soldiers, attempted to secure an impression of this man's fingers he met with violent resistance, and the assistant who tried to make the record was knocked down and roughly handled. Suspecting that this resistance was based upon the man's previous knowledge of the use to which these finger prints might be put and that his record was bad, the warden sent copies of the prints to the police authorities in a number of cities. Within a comparatively short time Scotland Yard reported that the man had committed an atrocious murder in Malta; that he had been sentenced to life imprisonment and had escaped to America.