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The East Water Mining Co. was recently formed in Ohio. Although the name seems unusual it truly exemplifies the business. The company was organized to procure water for cities that have been obtaining their supplies from the rivers and who have not the finances to satisfactorily purify water from this source. It also does away with the expense of drilling the numerous wells that would be required.

Mr. C. O. Fairbank explained the system to members of the mining department at the University. A shaft is sunk below the water producing strata. From this point numerous horizontal tunnels are extended in various directions. Small holes are drilled vertically through the tunnels up into the water producing strata. All water is then pumped from the base of the shaft, where the tunnels terminate, to the surface.

The system was first devised in order to obtain more oil from depleted oil fields and has been operated successfully in various parts of Oklahoma. Mr. Fairbanks is an alumnus of the Mining Department of the University of California.

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