

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"That's a satisfied looking elevator boy." "Yes, the elevator is out of order and won't run."—Indianapolis News.

WOMEN WHO ANSWER "ADS."

There Are Some Who Do Not as a Fashion, According to This Man's Experience.

ONLY ONE WHISTLE.

How the Rural Attorney Obtained Damages for His Client from the Railroad.

SAVING THE POTATO.

Unless Science Interferes This Valuable Food Will Run Out.

Its Extinction Threatened Through the Propagation for Many Generations Through Buds—Facts About the Sugar.

If there should be no more sugar cane in the world, beets might be cultivated to take its place entirely, but if there were no longer any potatoes, the domestic economy of thousands of humble homes would be seriously deranged, and the deprivation would be considerable even on the most luxurious table.

The potato is among the cheapest of all the cultivated foods, and while it is generally known that it is reproduced by budding, pieces of the tuber containing "eyes" being planted in the ground, most readers will be surprised to learn that potato seed is an almost unheard-of curiosity.

The first year's crop of tubers from a planting of seed is generally too small for commercial use, so that the seedling process has of late years been almost entirely discontinued.

A Woman's Invention.

When an alarm of fire is rung up in any of our large cities, and the engines of but one district are called out, there is an expense to the department for fuel and wear and tear of the apparatus estimated at \$100 per alarm.

YANKEE IS PASSING AWAY.

Native-Born New Englanders Are Now in the Minority in That Section.

That the native population of New England is not maintaining its numerical strength is pretty well known. Hence the facts brought out in the vital statistics of Connecticut for last year, that the native population is fast being overwhelmed by the element of immediate foreign extraction, will surprise no one, says the Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

This is true of the country as well as the urban districts. In 41 back towns, peopled largely by natives, the deaths exceeded the births last year by 240. In the cities of New Haven, Hartford, Meriden, Waterbury, New London, Norwich and Bridgeport the births from native-born parents number 3,393, while the deaths of native-born numbered 4,227; among the foreign-born births were 4,227 and deaths only 1,867—there possibly being an error in the duplication of the figures 4,227, but in any event, for the whole state, the native births numbered 8,220 and deaths 10,388, and the foreign births 8,219 and deaths only 3,978.

TIMELY DRESS HINTS.

The Drift of Small Adjuncts to the Alty Costumes for Summer Wear.

Nearly every Paris skirt is plainly cut, nearly every bodice is simply pouched into a narrow waistband with no frills or furrows whatsoever, says a fashion authority.

Many wide-brimmed hats, leghorn and other brims, are finished with a wide binding of black velvet, showing at least half an inch on the right side.

Wings are used on hats now where only flowers have been seen heretofore. A pretty delicate pink hat, trimmed with pink wings, has several of them lining the entire underside of the rim.

White and tinted chiffon, in forms of various kinds of flowers, some with jeweled centers and petals simulating dewdrops, will be used on some of the handsomest of the evening round hats for next season.

Was It a Compliment?

Henry J. Byron, one of the wittiest of English playwrights of a score of years ago, remarked on one occasion: "A play is like a cigar. If it's good, everybody wants a box. If it's bad, all the puffing in the world won't make it go."—Argonaut.

AN ODD INDUSTRY.

Illinois Woman Engages in Raising Queer Kind of Stock.

The Cavy, a Novelty in the Way of a Domestic Pet, Coming into Popularity—Different Species of the Animal.

An enterprising woman out in Woodstock, Ill., has demonstrated what one of her sex can do as a breeder of pet stock. She has been but three years in the business, and her success has been phenomenal, says the Chicago Tribune.

It was she who introduced a novelty in domestic pets called the cavy. This curious little creature has long been a favorite in England, but in America was, until a few years ago, practically unknown.

The cavy is fast growing in popularity, and is preferred by many women to the frolicsome kitten. As a child's companion he stands unrivaled, from the fact that he bears neglect with equanimity and is easier to rear than a blooded dog or cat.

The Abyssinian cavy is a strange-looking little beast by reason of the curious growth of his hair, which is distributed in distinct bunches or rosettes over his diminutive body; it is as rough and wiry as that of a Scotch terrier, and is white, red or in broken coloring.

The long-haired cavy has a curious way of curling himself up when he goes to sleep, looking for all the world like a ball of floss silk. He is, however, instinct with life when awake.

The cavy is not exacting as to his bed and board; he is quite content with a box on the lawn, or a lodging in the barn, and will nibble such kitchen refuse as the parings of vegetables and fruit; he will also eat milk and bread; he is inordinately fond of bananas and apples, which may be given him occasionally as dessert.

Dealers declare that there is a fast growing demand for these cunning little creatures, which have fast come into fashion.

Stia's Retort Silenced Him.

Manus hasn't fixed upon a retort yet.—Duluth News Tribune.

The Orphan's Awful Fate.

VIRTUES OF THE ONION.

Most Valuable Flavoring Substance and Possessed of Rare Healing Qualities.

The French tell us that the American prejudice against onions is purely an affectation. And this must be granted them from the fact that when the onion is carefully and judiciously introduced into dishes by a skillful cook the very people who hold it in such disdain and regard it as a very vulgar vegetable are loud in their praise of the preparation that owes much of its deliciousness to the presence, in cunning disguise, of this despised bulb, says the Washington Star.

After all, the onion is the most valuable and indispensable flavoring substance in the hands of an experienced cook, who would consider himself handicapped indeed without the powerful little ally.

It may not be generally understood that onions are disinfectants as well as preventives against contagious diseases. They readily absorb impurities as well as defend against diseases. They are invigorating and in many instances nature presents her demand for this class of food through the craving of the individual for this taboed little vegetable.

BREATHING AND DIGESTION.

A Simple Means of Promoting Assimilation of Food and Aiding Circulation.

It is perhaps not generally known that one of the most important offices of the lungs is to promote the movement of the blood and lymph currents throughout the body, says Good Health. Each inspiratory movement acts upon the blood and lymph vessels as a powerful aspirating pump, drawing the blood and lymph toward the chest, from which it is again propelled outward by the heart.

To Wash Sullies.

For delicate colored muslins and lawns some people prefer not to use soap at all, but if soap is used it should be of a nice quality, and made into soapy jelly.

Pineapple Frappe.

Strawberry Mousse.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

England spends 2,580,000 a year on Blacking.

The French census shows that the population of France has decreased by 15,883 in five years.

The United Kingdom uses 290,000 tons of tallow a year—that is, 18 pounds for each inhabitant.

The government of Prussia is about to establish public libraries. For cities, permanent libraries and public reading rooms will be maintained, while for the rural districts movable libraries will be supplied.

The Quakers have the distinction of having built the first meeting-house in Boston. It was in Brattle street, and dates back to 1692. This was dissolved in 1709, and the society moved to Congress street. The Quakers suffered every species of cruelty establishing their faith in Boston; mourning and imprisonment were the mild forms of prevention at first employed. Banishment and the loss of an ear was subsequently substituted.

WONDERFUL BOY BILLIARDIST

Is Among the Very Best Cue Artists and Is Only Twelve Years Old.

There are probably 10,000 persons in this city who play billiards every day and many of them are well advanced in life and have played the game from youth up and yet with all their practice and study combined with the power of maturity there are not more than half a dozen in the entire lot who can play the game as well as little 12-year-old Willie Hoppe.

Willie is a child in every sense of the word until he comes to the billiard table, when he at once becomes a man full grown and a great genius. Recently he made 200 points in three innings at the very difficult game of 18 inch ball line with a run of 176, a performance that is seldom equaled by the greatest experts of the world.

There is probably no billiard player living to-day who has so easy, natural and perfect a stroke as Willie Hoppe. There is no player that shows better judgment or is more resourceful, there is no player who plays a more scientific game or one there is more pleasure to look at; there is no one who can get the balls under control quicker or keep them much longer. The only drawback to Willie's play is a lack of strength to make around-the-table shots or to endure the strain of a long run.

Maple Sugar Biscuit.

Testing a Theory.

A Confirmed "Anti."