

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-If you want to get up a subscription for a broken head, just ask a policeman what his clubbing rates are.—Burlington Free Press.
-It is a satisfaction to know that if we were pretty bad when we were boys our own were not there to make a note of it.
-America is ahead of Europe in everything. We have more weather here in one week than England can produce in six months.
-It is said that joint committees in legislative bodies frequently discuss a rib at the expense of the public.—Boston Gazette.
-"Charlie, didn't you leave Miss Smith rather suddenly the other evening?" "Well, yes. To tell the truth, she was beginning to get tender and I got frightened."—Philadelphia Call.
-Caligua once spent \$100,000 on a single supper. So history says. The truth probably is that he spent \$100 on the supper and handed over the rest as tips to the waiters.—Baltimore American.

-Queen Victoria has been photographed smiling. The photographer brought the pleased expression to her face by promising her the pictures at half price.—Binghamton Republican.
-If some one who knows would explain why there is so much more coughing to the square inch in a church congregation than in a theater audience he would solve a much vexed question of the hour.—Boston Commonwealth.
-It is said that women are not naturally financiers. This is just about as true as the statement that all crows are white. Hand a \$5-bill to the fair occupant of a bazaar at a church fair and see how much change you get back. O, no, women are not financiers, O, no.—Burlington Free Press.

-The barber's pole used to represent an arm with blood streaming down, as barbers of the olden times were also surgeons. There is a question as to the origin of the blue stripes, but it is supposed to have been taken from the patient's countenance when the doctor's bill came in.—St. Paul News.
-"And why are you surprised, Mr. Sampson," she said, drawing herself up with hauteur, "that I play the piano so well?" "Because your hands are so small, Miss Smith, that you must find it difficult to strike an octave." Then she played some more for him.—Tid-Bits.

-The civilized gormand expresses disgust when he hears about the bird's nest puddings and rat pies of the Chinaman or the redolent knappes of the Burmese; but half an hour later you may see him sitting down to a hotel table, and ordering such stuff as calves' brains, sheep's kidneys, beef liver, pig's feet and other viscera, too offensive to mention.—Good Health.
-When a Georgia man became engaged to his present wife a number of years ago he gave her a yearling heifer in lieu of an engagement ring. The woman now has a large herd of cattle, the product of her present. Few young women would accept a heifer in place of an engagement ring, but in some cases, when the marriage ceremony is performed, they accept a calf.—Norristown Herald.

WOMEN SHOPKEEPERS.

An Old Maid Prejudice Which is Being Surmounted Rapidly.
The prejudice once entertained against literary ladies has long since been surmounted; the famous passage at arms between George Sand and her mother-in-law is already recalled by most people with amazement; even the most fastidious relations in these days would be proud rather than ashamed of seeing their daughter's or sister's name "on the cover of printed books." But it is otherwise with regard to industrial callings, and the most daring innovation in England at this moment is the lady shopkeeper. At present but few women have had the courage to brave the current social prejudice. We draw such fine distinctions between wholesale and retail traders that our cotton spinners, calico makers and general merchants seem to think they belong to a totally different sphere, from which they look down on the lady who has had sufficient brains, capital and courage to open a shop. That an artist should sell her own paintings in her own studio is proper and becoming, but many people are shocked at the lady who trades in paintings done in other studios. But the Old World moves faster than it did in former days, and before the end of the nineteenth century it is probable a gentlewoman will be recognized in spite of her having entered on commercial pursuits, especially as we are growing accustomed to see scions of our noblest families on our Stock Exchange and in tea merchants' houses; one peer of the realm is now doing an extensive business in coals and another is a cab proprietor.

After speaking of the business success achieved by the Hon. Mrs. Mahoney in her London milk-shop and of the reputation and wealth acquired by Miss Charlotte Robinson as a house decorator, Miss Faithfull concludes:
"The more highly educated our women of business are the better for themselves, their work and the whole community. Many of the professions to which ladies have hitherto turned are overcrowded, and when once the fear of losing social position is boldly disregarded, it will be found that commercial life offers a variety of more or less lucrative employment to ladies of birth and capital, who find it more congenial to their tastes and requirements to invest their money and spend their energies in a business which yields a fair return, rather than sit at home content with a scanty pittance and a colorless, monotonous life."—Emily Faithfull.

FARM AND FIRESIDE.

"A hen continually gorged with corn will be fat as a hog but lay no eggs," says a poultryman.
-According to the Department of Agriculture, the average per acre of wheat used for seedling is 1.38 bushels.
-When breaking in young colts, put them beside fast walking horses. The first few lessons will make a lasting impression on them.
-An inventive genius has invented a machine which looks as bulky as an old-fashioned stage coach, to rake hay and leave it on the ground in perfect compact cocks.

-Baked Pumpkin: Half a pumpkin with sweet, thick meat, covered with a tin plate, and baked slowly two hours in a brick oven; serve whole in its yellow jacket, and dish hot-baked pumpkin from its rind as wanted.
-When the farmer begins to estimate the value of sheep from the standpoints of meat, fertility and general advantage to the farm, he will not allow the market price of wool to determine whether or not he will raise them.

-Pigs can be most profitably put upon the market when not more than nine months old, at which age they can be made to and should weigh 200 to 300 pounds. To secure the greatest profit, even then the most of this weight should be made in the clover pasture.
-Cream Gingerbread: One and a half cup nice molasses, one half cup sugar, one cup cream, and the same of buttermilk. Two teaspoons soda, one half teaspoon salt, one teaspoon each of ginger and cinnamon, and sifted flour to make a smooth batter. Bake in quite thick sheets in a moderate oven.

-To grow a horse's mane which parts in the middle and hangs on both sides of his neck, so that it will hang all on one side, braid it in position by little weights tied on the end of the braids. As soon as the mane will hang naturally remove the weights and commence grooming. By this treatment a very obstinate mane can be made to hang beautifully on one side.
-An authority on pigs says that he never thinks of cutting off the tails of his pigs. The tails are the indicators of the porker's condition. If piggy doesn't feel well, if his food doesn't agree with him, his tail begins to straighten. The sicker the pig, the straighter the tail; and the healthier the pig the tighter the curl. The old theory that it takes a bushel of corn to fatten an inch flail this pig raiser scorns. The pig's tail is his pulse; therefore never cut it off.

-Stewed Chops: Broil the chops and let them get cold; then put into a saucepan with two tablespoons of butter and one of minced onion; cover tightly and set in a kettle of cold water; bring slowly to a boil. At the end of an hour add a cup of hot broth (made from the trimmings of chops), seasoned with pepper, salt, a pinch of cloves and chopped parsley; cover again and stew gently until the chops are tender, setting the saucepan directly on the range. Then lay them on a hot dish; strain the gravy, thicken with browned flour, stir in a good teaspoon of currant jelly; boil one minute and pour over the chops.
-One great secret in washing flannels is to beat and shake out all the dust from them before they are put into the clothes basket for the wash. They should be washed in clear, hot soap suds by themselves, then thoroughly rinsed by flopping them about in clean water, shaken and pulled after they have had the water pressed out by the wringer, but not twisted and wrung by the hands. It is not thoroughly rinsing out the soap that hardens flannel; it is washing it with all the dust in that grimes and discolors it. It is wringing that twists and mats the little fibers together, instead of pulling and shaking, which leaves them elastic and springy. The water should not be too hot for the hands to be comfortable, as boiling water is used to full cloth and shrink flannel.

HOW TO TEST SEEDS.

Valuable Suggestions Made at the Ontario Agricultural College.
A bulletin of the Ontario Agricultural College contains among other valuable matter the following to test the vitality of seeds:
1. Place one hundred seeds between sheets of blotting-paper laid on sand, and keep the paper damp in a place where the temperature is about 78 degrees to 85 degrees Fahrenheit. The number of seeds germinating will indicate the percentage good.
2. Place the seeds on a piece of flannel in a saucer, with sufficient water to moisten it thoroughly. After scattering the seeds (one hundred) on the flannel, put a piece of damp blotting-paper over the whole and place in a warm room. Keep it continually damp, and in a short time the seed will germinate; the number sprouting will be the percentage of good seed.
For examining seeds as to purity, scatter them on a piece of black cardboard, and the foreign grains are readily observed. If a good collection of seeds, true to their kind, is kept for comparison, the impurities can be easily identified.
The results of various tests in the germinator are given. The following inferences will practically cover the whole ground:
Age has a marked effect on the vitality of certain seeds.
Many seeds have lost much of their vitality from improper curing or other causes.
Frozen wheat is not reliable for seed, for even though germinating a fair per cent. of growth in the field is of a more or less weakly nature. All seeds should be tested for vitality and purity.
A small percentage of impure seeds means very many in a bushel.—Chico Journal.

BEGGING OF EDMUNDS.

How the Vermont Senator Ascertained the Veracity of a Visitor.
Senator Edmunds was evidently out of sorts when the card was handed to him, writes a Washington correspondent. He glanced at it in a don't-bother-me kind of way that made the little page who brought it glad to escape from his presence. The square piece of paper which lay before the Senator—for it could scarcely be called a card—bore the name, "Willis Howe." The letters were angular and awkwardly scrawled. It was apparently the work of a boy or half-grown lad.

The Senator arose from his seat, and crossing the corridor, entered the marble room, where his visitor awaited him. He found the latter in conversation with his committee clerk. "What does he want?" queried the Senator, gruffly, and, addressing the clerk.
"He wants some money to take him home. He says he lives in Vermont."
"Where does he live in Vermont?"
"Near the village of—"

"What did you say your name was?" asked the Senator, studying the characters on the card.
"Willis Howe," was the boy's reply.
"Where do you live in Vermont?"
"Near the village of—"

"I can only assure you that I speak the truth, Senator. I have no way of proving it. My home is in the village of—"

"Oh, it is, is it?" said the Senator, grimly. "Well, I've visited in that place a number of times. I suppose you know every body there, don't you?"
The boy replied that the people he didn't know were not worth knowing.

"Well, then," said the Senator, "tell me the name of the fat old man who peddles milk about town?"
"His name is 'Skinny' Eccles," answered the youngster doggedly. "His name is 'Skinny' Eccles."

The faintest sort of a smile lit up the Vermont Senator's stern features. Turning to his clerk he said: "Give him the money. There's no doubting the boy's honesty," and then he added with a chuckle as he turned to re-enter the chamber: "Skinny Eccles! Well, well, I haven't thought of him before in a dozen years."

An Old But True Story.
It is an old story about the store sign that advises people not to go further and be robbed, but the average newspaper reader has regarded that story as a mere invention of the wits and as having no foundation in fact. At this very moment there hangs in the window of a second-hand furniture establishment on West Randolph street, Chicago, a placard which reads:

DON'T GO DOWN TOWN TO BE ROBBED, BUT COME IN AND SEE US.

An Engagement Token.
When a Mr. Blank, of Buena Vista, Ga., became engaged to his present wife a number of years ago he gave her a young heifer in lieu of an engagement ring. This living pledge of their troth has given forth increase until the lady now has a handsome herd of cattle, which the husband is anxious to sell. Mrs. Blank, however, refuses to part with the cattle.

The Turtle-Canning Industry.
The turtle-canning industry is assuming large proportions in Florida, and vessels are being employed to bring turtles from Yucatan and the West India islands.

Like a Circuit of Electric Wires.
The human sensorium resembles a circuit of electric wires, the various sets of nerves forming links in the circle of continuity. When digestion grows weak the epigastric nerve suffers, and the whole system is affected. Reinforce it with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and the nervous organism grows tranquil and reposeful. Fever and ague, constipation, kidney troubles and liver complaints retreat before this remedy.

The professor of penmanship can not do a flourishing business when he drops his pen and uses a type-writer.

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If there is any one who should be "wrapped in slumber," it is a man who snores.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best Cough Medicine. If you don't believe it, take a dose. By druggists, etc. a bottle.

The decoration of the Legion of Honor was bought by a blacking manufacturer. It is well that the decoration fell into the hands of a gentleman of so much polish.

A FRONTISPIECE—the hotel clerk.—Puck.
FLUMBERG are not supposed to come under the head of sculptors, but you often find them at work on a "bust."—It. Chester Post-Express.

The discourse of the spirits at a spiritualistic seance are of course always listened to with rapt attention.—Merchant Traveler.

The brain of an elephant is somewhat larger than that of a man, but the trunk of an elephant is considerably smaller than that of a woman.—Lovell Courier.

A DULUTHIAN, whose recently-acquired wife wears the name of Emma, says he's not exactly henpecked, but he falls slightly Embossed.—Duluth Paragapher.

A MAN who has been hanged can very properly be used to point an argument for prohibition. It is a clear case of a "drop too thick."—Boston Globe.

The army list—enlist.
TIME is not always money to him who trusts.—Puck.
An "old stamping ground"—the post-office.—New Age.
An loggerheads—the policeman's Billy and the burglar's Jimmy.
WHEN is a theater manager like a dog? Ans.: When he lies about the house.—Texas Siftings.
WHEN a physician loses his skill it naturally follows that he is out of practice.—Merchant Traveler.
EASILY suited—a clothier's model.
NO WONDER the men who plan houses are proud, when they remember that Noah and Moses were architects.—Burdette.

A Modest, Sensitive Woman
often shrinks from consulting a physician about functional derangement, and prefers to suffer in silence. This may be a mistaken feeling, but it is one which is largely prevalent. To all such women we would say that one of the most skillful physicians of the day, who has had a vast experience in curing diseases peculiar to women, has prepared a remedy which is of inestimable aid to them. We refer to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This is the only remedy for woman's peculiar weaknesses and ailments, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case or money refunded. See guarantees printed on bottle wrapper.

The barber's apprentice is generally a strapping fellow.—Boston Commercial Advertiser.

Life is burdensome, alike to the sufferer and all around him, while dyspepsia and its attending evils hold sway. Complaints of this nature can be speedily cured by taking Frick's Ash Bitters regularly. Thousands once thus afflicted, now bear cheerful testimony as to its merits.

PIPE LINES—those written in favor of smoking.—Texas Siftings.

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An awkward water frequently plays the duce with the tray.—Hotel Mail.

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It is generally "all up" with a man when he begins to go down hill.—Boston Courier.

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