

In His Phonograph Closet.
A reporter called a few days ago upon a well-known business man, and, upon inquiring where the latter was, was answered:
"You'll find him in his phonograph closet."
"I beg your pardon," the reporter ventured.
"In his phonograph closet. Step right in. He's not busy."
The invitation was acted upon, and the business man was found in a little inclosure with just sufficient room to hold a table and a chair. The occupant was gravely grinding away at a crank, and turned around in his chair as the door opened. "Oh, how do you do?" he said. "You find me busy with my phonograph. No, I'm not talking. I'm simply grinding a cylinder down smooth so that it will receive better. Then I'm going to talk some statistics into it and hand it over to my typewriter, who is busy now. She will be able to take the statistics any time she gets a chance. There's no particular hurry about it, and so I am using up some of my own spare time."
"Do I find my phonograph to be of practical use? Oh, yes! That is, it is most of the time, but sometimes it gets out of order, and then it is the most vexatious thing man ever invented. Lots of my friends have had the machines put in their offices lately, and now there is in most big offices not only a telephone closet, but also a phonograph closet."—N. Y. Times.

"Rabbits Is Insects."
"Miss, you can't bring dogs into this car," said a Third Avenue conductor to a young woman who tenderly held a wriggling little object wrapped up in a shawl.
"Tain't a dog," snapped the young woman, and the discomfited conductor retreated to the rear platform amid a general titter. He studied the case for a few minutes, and then, returning to the young woman, said: "Miss, you can't bring cats in, neither."
"Tain't a cat," said the young woman, "it's a rabbit," and the long ears emerged in confirmation of her assertion. At this the conductor looked puzzled for a moment, and then said: "Well, that's accordin' to the rules of this company; dogs is dogs and cats' is dogs; but rabbits is insects; so you can stay."—N. Y. World.

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FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.
IRISH STEW.
Cut two pounds of the neck of mutton into small pieces, put it into a kettle with one onion sliced and a bunch of pot herbs nicely dressed. Simmer gently for one hour, then add two tablespoonfuls of office ham, ten minutes, add two potatoes cut into dice, and while they are cooking, ten minutes longer, make your dumplings. Put a pint of flour into a bowl, and a teaspoonful of salt and a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder, moisten this with about a gill of milk, the dough must be soft. Form it lightly into balls, drop them on top of the stew, cover the kettle, boil ten minutes, season and serve.—New York Observer.

TO MAKE BREAD.
I always like to have mashed potatoes for dinner the day before I bake bread, says a writer in *Prairie Farmer*. I boil enough to spare a cupful for baking. I take out two or four large spoonfuls, according to the quantity of bread I want to bake, put into a bowl or dish, when cool enough add two spoonfuls of the above yeast, and keep warm all the afternoon; after supper stir up a crock of sponge with either milk or water, but do not scald the flour, add the bowl of potato yeast, which will be one mass of foam. In the morning mix your bread stiff, and knead well; I am sure the ladies who try this yeast and this plan of starting bread will like it.

SERVING POTATOES.
A simple, delicious method of serving potatoes is hashed and browned. Chop eight potatoes, season with salt and pepper, and add to them three teaspoonfuls of butter. Mix the butter well through, and pour the potatoes in a smooth frying pan, and let them cook over the fire for six or seven minutes, with the lid on. By this time they should be well browned on the bottom. Fold them over in an omelette form, and dish them on a hot platter, and serve as an accompaniment to a dish of breaded chops or meat fried in butter.

Lyonaise potatoes are excellent for a change. Cut up eight potatoes in small cubes, or chop them coarsely with a knife. Season them with pepper and salt. Mince a small onion fine, and fry it till it is a fine straw color in a tablespoonful of butter; add the potatoes. Toss them till they are light brown, or touched with brown—it will take three or four minutes—and then serve them at once in a hot dish. Lyonaise potatoes are excellent served with broiled steak or with broiled calf's liver. There are many other ways of preparing potatoes besides stewing them or frying them in a pan, though both these methods are good if not resorted to exclusively. Thick slices of cold potatoes dipped in melted butter and broiled are excellent. A dish of scalloped potatoes offers still another method of preparing cold potatoes. Select eight cold potatoes, slice them in thin slices, season them and pour over them a cream sauce, made with a tablespoonful of butter melted in a saucepan, and a tablespoonful of flour stirred in, and a pint of milk. Put the potatoes and cream sauce in an earthen baking dish, sprinkle fine breadcrumbs over the top of the dish, and bits of butter, and bake it for twenty minutes in a hot oven.—New York Tribune.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.
Boiling water should not be poured over tea tray, japanned goods, etc., as it will make the varnish crack and peel off.
To prevent cake adhering to the pan when baked, scatter a little flour over the greased surface before pouring in the dough.
It is said that if the hands are rubbed on a stick of celery after peeling onions the disagreeable smell will be entirely removed.
Strong muriatic acid applied with a cloth and the spot washed thoroughly with water is recommended to remove ink stains from boards.
Eat cold food slowly, it is a warning from the wise, and eat sparingly of it, too. If you do eat cold food don't wash it down with ice water.
When making cake the butter should be creamed with the hand, but in the summer a wooden spoon may be used for this purpose, says Miss Maynard.
Lemon juice is a good thing for removing tan. It is also excellent for taking stains from the hands, and if applied to the hands at night will keep them soft and white.
It is a very common thing for young housekeepers to scorch their linen when laundering to iron. Do not be discouraged. Wax your irons thoroughly and keep them in a dry place. This will prevent their sticking. If you find a scorched place, expose it to the hottest rays of the sun. It will be obliterated in a short time.

Chances of Death in War.
No doubt every reader has seen the statement that it takes a man's weight of lead to kill him in battle, and they may have considered it to be merely a rhetorical hyperbole, suggested by the fact that comparatively few out of the whole number of shots fired in heat of battle take effect. Marshal Saxe, we believe, first made the assertion which forms the basis of the above, when he said it would take 125 pounds of lead and thirty-three pounds of powder to put each of the enemy in the long trench. Wild and visionary as this may seem, it appears that there was more truth than poetry in the remark. With all the improvements which have been made in the art of war since the days of Saxe, Cassendi, the French savant, proves that the great Marshal's philosophical remark still holds good.
At the battle of Solferino, according to Cassendi's carefully deduced calculations, a comparison of the number of shots fired on the Austrian side with the number of killed and wounded on the part of the enemy, shows that 700 bullets were expended for each man wounded, and 4200 for each man killed. The average weight of the ball used was 30 grains, therefore it must have taken at least 126 kilograms, or 277 pounds of lead for each man killed. Yet Solferino was a most important and bloody battle. In the Franco-Prussian war the slaughter caused by the needle gun among the French soldiers shows how much superior that gun is to the Austrian carbine; yet, with that deadly weapon 12,300 shots were fired for every soldier destroyed in the enemy's ranks. Verily there was a good foundation for Bogert's ungrammatical remark: "War is awful, but the noise of war is awfully."—St. Louis Republic.

An Old Watch.
I saw the other day a gold watch which was made in 1760. It was an odd-looking watch compared with those of the present day. It was made by the famous watchmaker, Breguet, of Paris. He has been dead for more than one hundred years. It was worn by the grandfather of the present owner, who fought under Napoleon and carried this watch through the siege of Moscow and the terrible retreat that followed. It is an open face watch, with keyhole in the face. Its mechanism is exceedingly delicate and complicated. It must have been a very valuable timepiece in its day, as I do not remember having seen many which repeat the hour, three-quarters hour, half hour, quarter hour and even minute. We do not fully appreciate this feature at the present day, but 130 years ago, it must be remembered, matches were not in free use—in fact, I believe it was before the time matches were known. It must have received some rough usage, passing through the Napoleonic wars and other strange vicissitudes before it reached America. To pass through all these adventures and not become utterly useless must redound to the great fame Breguet enjoyed in his time in Paris. In the last six months, however, it has shown a feebleness and unreliability which it was natural to expect years ago. The watch since then has made the rounds of nearly every jewelry shop in Chicago.—Chicago Herald.

The Emperor's Decoration.
A romantic story attaches to the new decoration announced by the Emperor of Japan in commemoration of Emperor Jimmu's coronation, 2550 years ago. The distinguishing feature of the decoration is a golden fish hawk. The legend is that during Jimmu's conquest of eastern Japan the sky one day became suddenly dark, and a fish hawk of golden hue settled on the Emperor's crossbow. The bird threw off a brilliant light, by which the enemy were dazzled and the Emperor's forces were victorious.

A Pennsylvania Epitaph.
For the grave of Mrs. Ann D. Carter, in a churchyard at Thornbury, Delaware County, her husband has had made in Media, says the Philadelphia Ledger, a tombstone from which this inscription is quoted:
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