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panicles of dainty white flowers. Watching the plants as they come into bloom at the Strybing arboretum and botanical garden and observing the conditions under which they are grown will help to solve many a local garden problem.

P. polystachyum is a shrubby, strong-growing perennial that spreads by means of underground runners from which it sends up stout shoots clothed with light green leaves to a height of four or five feet. Topping these shoots are the great panicles of white flowers.

This polygonum does well in either sun or shade. The flowering period lasts about six weeks in partial shade, some two weeks longer than if it were grown in full sun. It will get along with only an occasional watering, requiring more in the sun. It is propagated both by seeds and divisions of the rootstocks. Like many perennials it dies down in winter and can be cut back to ground level. Its strongly aggressive habit suggests care in placing so that it will not invade devoted to choicer items. Otherwise this very quality enables it to contend successfully with most weeds.

A large group of *Fagopyrum esculentum*, source of the "buckwheat cake" is still blooming in the medicinal section. We spoke of this plant a few weeks ago as it is the source of "rurin," a rare drug being tested for its reputed ability to strengthen the walls of the capillaries.

NATURE DEFIES STATISTICS

DETROIT (AP) — The chance of being struck by lightning in the United States and surviving is about one in 375,000. However, three Detroit-area residents were struck by lightning and all lived.

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