

Food song titles

- Almost all classic ragtime was instrumental music
- The song titles run the gamut of place names, flowers and animals
- Publishers usually titled the songs and looked after the artwork
- Most titles are light-hearted and are meant to give the impression that ragtime is “fun music”
- A lot of the song titles are associated with food:
 - *The Wishbone*
 - *Sweetmeats*
 - *Frog Legs*
 - *Crab Apples*
 - *The Peach*
 - *Ham Bones*
 - And this one: *Pickles and Peppers*



Adaline Shepherd (1883-1950)

- ❖ born in Iowa, and moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as a young adult
- ❖ worked as a milliner, and played piano by ear
- ❖ In 1906 (age 23), a local music publisher had her first rag notated by an arranger
- ❖ Sheet music sales of “*Pickles and Peppers*” would surpass two million copies
- ❖ four years later (age 27), she gave up her music career to raise a family

