

Democratic Watchman

Belleville, Pa., April 26, 1895.

The Brazilian Rubber Tree Trappers

The business of rubber gathering, after the forest has been reached, begins with the opening of a "road"—a winding pathway just wide enough to allow a man to pass from tree to tree.

There is as much difference in the milk from rubber trees as in the milk from different cows. The consistency of the sap varies, some yielding a larger and some a smaller proportion of solid rubber.

One man can easily tap 100 trees daily, placing on each five or six cups to catch the sap. These trees, on what is called a good road, will yield, at the commencement of the crop season, from 22 pounds of sap for each tapping.

In the state of Amazonas the average size of the rubber trees is larger, and the yield is greater. This is because rubber gathering has not been practiced there so long, and the trees have been allowed to mature fully before being tapped.

The age at which rubber trees become fit for tapping depends upon their surroundings. In the dense forests they will hardly be tapping before the age of twenty-five or thirty years.

The season for tapping trees may last for three months, and sometimes six, the operation being performed daily. This is determined by the size of the trees and the richness of the yield.

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are likely to be substituted before the crop is finished.

As in every other industry, there are careless, shiftless workers in rubber gathering. Such persons, when finishing their day's labor, will throw the empty cups on the ground at the foot of the trees, with the "drippings" left within.

A rubber gatherer who is fully conversant with his business and is desirous of protecting his trees will work as follows: He will first mentally divide the lower part of the trunk—beginning about one foot from the ground and going as high as he can reach with his hatchet—into six sections, representing the six working days in the week.

Much skill is needed in tapping rubber trees. Deep incisions damage the trees, but if they are too shallow, the sap will not flow.

Having tapped the trees in his road early in the day, and placed the cups in position, the tapper returns home for breakfast. Later he starts out with a bucket or other receptacle to collect the sap from the cups, beginning with the first tree tapped, and going over the same route followed in the morning.

In the case of some large trees two series of circles are described in the tapping, the upper series being reached by means of a staging built around the tree. Such treatment is likely to prove fatal to the tree, however. It is good management to avoid tapping during the flowering season of the rubber tree, which is during September.

Our better halves say they could not keep house without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is used in more than half the homes in Leeds. Sims Bros., Leeds, Iowa. This shows the esteem in which that remedy is held where it has been sold for years and is well known.

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—Bing—A hen is mighty exclusive. Bing—Yes, indeed. She won't have anything to do with a chick that don't belong to her set.

—"Is your editor a man of letters?" "Don't know, stranger, but you kin find out by axin' 'the post-master."

—Hood's pills are the best after-dinner pills, assist digestion, cure headache.

No Bombardment.

England Will Not Use Force Against Nicaragua Just Yet.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—It was reported here yesterday that Secretary Gresham, through Ambassador Bayard, has informed Great Britain that this country will not permit, without an earnest protest, the bombardment of Greytown, and that the landing of British troops on Nicaragua soil will be viewed as an act inimical to American interests, and an infraction of the Monroe doctrine.

To-day it is learned that the state department has made no protest against any proposed British action in Nicaragua, for the very good reason that the British government has regarded the issue between itself and Nicaragua as one in which no other nation can have any concern, and has not acquainted the government of the United States with the exact purposes, and it is not known here officially that Greytown is to be bombarded.

LONDON, April 16.—It is stated on good authority that the question of a protest upon the part of the United States against the bombardment of Greytown and the landing of British troops in Nicaragua has never been raised between Great Britain and the United States so far as the British government is aware. In any case, it is added, the British will not bombard Greytown in the event of Nicaragua refusing to comply with the demands of Great Britain. But steps will be taken to insure the payment of the indemnity demanded by the British government, and the necessary orders have been sent to commanders of British warships. The foreign office has received no information, and discredits the report that the United States has indicated objections to the bombardment of Greytown or the landing of troops.

The "Globe" this afternoon says the answer of Nicaragua to the ultimatum of Great Britain regarding the expulsion of Minister Hatch, British consular agent, from Nicaragua territory is not acceptable to the British government and steps to enforce the ultimatum will be taken immediately.

COLON, April 26.—The governor of Panama will to-morrow visit Admiral Meade, the commander of the American squadron which is now at this port. The fleet will go to Greytown, Nicaragua, Thursday.

By the Middle of May.

Date When Collectors Must Make Income Tax Returns.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Among instructions sent to-day to all internal revenue collectors is the following: "All returns made by taxpayers for 1894, except such as are delayed by reason of appeals, must be completed and forwarded to this office not later than the 15th day of May next."

It is believed the returns received to-day show that a large number of persons in all parts of the country who are subject to the income tax have not made any return of their incomes. The proportion of these to the whole number liable to the tax is by some placed as high as 10 per cent.

School Report.

Following is a report of School, for the last month ending April 11th, 1895. Number of pupils enrolled—boys 23, girls 10 total 33. Number of pupils enrolled for term—boys 29, girls 24, total 53. Those who did not miss any words during the term are Lizzie Gray, Rebecca Harvey, Clayton Brooks, Homer Noll and W. J. Crooks. Those who missed one word are Ella Zimmerman, Sadie Zimmerman, Bertha Shope, Oscar DeLong and Joseph Harvey.

—Dolly Footbites—"Why didn't you accept Cholly Sappy's invite to an oyster supper?" Sue Brette—"I heard he was a bad egg, and I was afraid the supper might break him."

—Since the women's hats must go, let the law-makers even things up by prohibiting men from going out between the acts.

New Advertisements.

FARM FOR SALE.—A most excellent farm of 175 acres well located, good buildings, plenty of water, well fenced and within a few rods of railroad station, can be purchased at a bargain by applying to JOHN P. SALES, 1st Nat. Bank Belleville, 39 46 ft.

Paints.

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IN TEAS we have Oologs, Gun-Powder, Imperial, Young Hyson, Japan English Breakfast, and our Fine Blended Tea is something that will please any one who appreciates a cup of Royal Tea

IN SPICES, Cinnamon, Cloves, Allspice, Nutmeg, Mace, Ginger, Cayenne Pepper, Mustard all strictly pure goods.

IN COFFEES AND CHOCOLATE, Mocha—genuine, Java—Old Government, Rio—Finest Brazilian. All excellent quality and always fresh roasted. Baker's Premium Chocolate and Breakfast Cocoa, Van Houten's Cocoa, Wilbur's Chocolate, and German Sweet Chocolate.

IN COOKING EXTRACTS we keep a line of Joseph Burnett & Co's (Boston) goods, they are the finest we can find, also a line of Knight's extracts.

BEANS, California Limas, New York Marrow and Pea Beans, dried Green Peas.

RICE New Crop Carolina Head Rice. DOMESTIC CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, TOMATOES—CORN Persian and Mountain Brands—CORN Granules, Lima Beans and Succotash, Dew Drop brand. GREEN PEAS, Early June, Scottish chief and Cecilia brands. PINE APPLE and grated, Strawberries and White Cherries, Dew Drop brand. Boston Baked Beans.

CALIFORNIA CANNED FRUITS, Yellow Crawford, Lemon Cling, and White Heat Peaches, White Cherries and Appriots.

IMPORTED VEGETABLES AND FRUITS, French Peas and Mushrooms, Preserved Cherries, Strawberries, Brandy Cherries and Cross Blackwell's Jams all in glass.

MISCELLANEOUS, Pure Maple Syrup, Honey strained and in comb, Plum Pudding, Armour's Corned Beef Tinned Tongue and Ham, Condensed Milk, Dixham's Shred Cocoa Nut, Rich Milk Cream Cheese, Small Family Cheese, Bradford County Dairy Butter.

Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Gluten Flour, Vienna Flour. Fine Confectioners and Cut Leaf Sugars Extra Fine New Crop New Orleans Syrups, Pure White Sugar Table Syrup, Pure Cider Vinegar.

NUTS, Princess Paper Shell, California and Borden Almonds, Assorted Nuts, English Walnuts, Pecans extra large, Cream Nuts, Fresh Roasted Peanuts, Cocoa Nuts extra quality.

IN CONFECTIONARY, we have Fine Mixtures, Cream Chocolates, Roast Almonds, Cream Dates, Rosas and Vanilla, Jordan Almonds, French Glace Fruits, Fine Chocolate Caramels, Chocolate Marsh Malloons, Cocoa Nut bonbons, Chocolate Madrids, Lozenges, Clear Toys, and a large assortment of fine goods in this line all carefully selected.

FRANCO AMERICAN SOUPS, French Bouillon, Consomme, Oxtail, Mock Turtle, Mulligatawny, and Terrapin. OLIVE OIL, S. Rex & Co's 1/2 Pint, Pints and Quarts. The finest analysts in the World pronounce it pure.

Tourists.

Short Journeys on a Long Road.

Is the characteristic title of a profusely illustrated book containing over one hundred pages of charmingly written descriptions of summer resorts in the country north and west of Chicago. The reading matter is new, the illustrations are new, and the information therein will be new to almost everyone.

A copy of "Short Journeys on a Long Road" will be sent free to any one who will enclose ten cents (to pay postage) to Geo. H. Heafford, General Passenger Agent Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Chicago, Ill. 40 15 3t

Are You Going? The tickets to Denver, Col., and return for the meeting of the National Educational Association will be on sale July 3rd, 4th and 5th at rate of one standard fare, with two dollars added, for the round trip.

Reduced rates by addressing John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Williamsburg, Pa. 40-15-5t.

New Advertisements.

BUILDER'S SUPPLIES.—Stone for building purposes at quarry or delivered in Belleville or on the line of the Belleville Central and Penna. Railroads. Calcined Plaster, PLASTERING HAIR AND LIME. Paragon Plaster, the best patent plaster yet made.

HYDRAULIC CEMENT Potomac and Cumberland, Rosendale (Hoffman Brand) and English Portland, the best standard cements to be had. We warrant every barrel of Cement we sell to be as represented.

FARM AND GARDEN SUPPLIES. GARDEN TOOLS IN SETS. Planters, Cultivators and Seed Drills. SOUTH END CHILLED PLOWS. All the Standard Chilled Plow shares at lowest prices. Wheel Cultivators and SPRING TOOTH HARROWS. FORCE, LIFT AND CHAIN PUMPS. Clover, Timothy and other grass seeds. The best fertilizers in the market for the least money. Nova Scotia (white) and Onondaga (gray) ground plaster.

Central Railroad Guide.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Condensed Time Table.

Table with columns for READ DOWN, READ UP, and various station names like P.M., A.M., etc.

BELEFONTE & SNOW SHOE BRANCH.

Time Table in effect on and after Nov. 25, 1894.

Table with columns for WESTWARD and EASTWARD, showing station names and times.

LEWISBURG & TYRONE RAILROAD.

Schedule in effect November 24th, 1894.

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Upper End. Schedule in effect February 25, 1895.

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Railway Guide.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AND BRANCHES.

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