GATHERING SPRUCE GUM

COLLECTED FOR MARKET.

Collected in Eastern and Canadian Forests-Boston and Chicago the Leading Consumers.

A New York dealer in spruce gum said to a Sun reporter : "The supply of natural gum is very large, and would be still larger if it were not that the spruce forests where it is obtained have been so thinned out by the inroads of the lumbermen that the gum gatherer cannot obtain the quantities that he One of the princould in former years. cipal occupations in Bennington, Vt., is the dealing in spruce gum, and Belfast, Augusta, and other places in Maine make an important item of this product in their trading.

"It is no uncommon thing to see men, women and children coming into these places laden with all they can carry of the aromatic spruce gum, and why shouldn't they? It is worth to them \$1. a pound in cash. Some men will bring in on their backs as much as 200 pounds of the material, all ready to be put in form for the mouths of those who like it. Dealers in Augusta say that the retail trade in spruce gum in that city alone foots up over \$5,000 a year. The largest spruce gum dealer in the world is in Bennington. He handles between 15,000 and 20,000 pounds a year. He employs not less than seventy-five persons to col-lect gum for him in the season, which is from October to June. The business cannot be carried on in the summer, as the hot weather causes the gum to run together, and form in masses that impair its appearance and cause it to deteriorate in value.

Spruce gum is obtained in the forests of Canada, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The gum gatherers go many miles into the forest, erect rude cabins, and each one remains until he has gathered one hundred pounds. He carries it home, where the women and children cleanse the gum from all its impurities, such as bark, twigs and other foreign substances, and sort it into the different grades, all of which are known even by the youngest child in the business. It is a big day's work for a woman to clean and sort ten pounds. While the household is cleansing his collection the gum gatherer returns to the woods and works until he has secured another batch, and getting it is no easy or rapid work. The gatherer goes through the woods looking at the virgin spruces. When the guin that forms on the outside of the trees is once removed the tree will never again yield enough to make it worth the while of the gatherer to visit it. So he must hunt out the trees that have escaped the notice of his class during all the years the woods have been searched by them. The gum gatherer carries a stout pole, which is in sections, like a jointed fish-ing rod. At one end of the pole is a chisel fitted snugly to the wood. Beneath the chisel is a cup holding probably half a pint. When the gatherer discovers a mass of gum on a tree, no matter how high it may be, he runs his chisel up against it and cuts it off, when it falls into the cup. It is then placed in an oiled bag which is slung across the back of the gatherer. This arduous work continues without cessation during the months mentioned, and so slow is the accumulation of the gum by the collector, ordinarily, that he considers himself fortunate if he gathers a hundred pounds a month. Boston chews more spruce gum than any other place in the country, and dealers say that Chicago consumes the next largest quantity. The great supply is obtained in Bennington as, a centre, but the small lumbering villages of Maine send enormous quantities to market. The lusty young axeman or logger of the Maine lumber camps never returns home from the woods without fetching with him a large lump of the choicest spruce gum he can collect as a gift to his sweethcart, and his coming with the otfering is anxiously awaited by her, as next to him she loves the fragrant resin of the spruce. The lover who should fail to pay this homage to his fair lady would be hooted out of the Maine lumber woods as a man unworthy the trust. to say nothing of the affection, of the gentle sex. "They have in these isolated villages a pastime which they call the 'yanking bee,' which requires great tenacity of jaw and power of endurance to enjoy. A yanking bee is a gathering of young people who meet for the avowed purpose of yanking or chewing spruce gum. The fun of the party consists in chewing the gum in as large 'gobs' as the mouth can hold, and accompanying the performance with as loud a noise as the lips can make while the chewing is going on. A large lump of prime spruce gum is the prize which the person who chews the longest and the loudest will win. After the yank is over the fiddler comes in, and daylight comes before the festivities of the bee are over. "Spruce gum, they assert in Maine and other lumbering States, possesses great medicinal properties, and they also say there is nothing like it for indigestion and disordered stomach. That is a mere matter of opinion, and it is rather doubtful. Lumbermen say that in ten years there will be no more spruce gum gathered for market because there will be no more to gather. At the present time, however, you may set it down as a fact that there is still plenty of genuine, unadulterated spruce gum sold to consumers."

SELECT SIFTINGS.

HOW THE ABOMATIC PRODUCT IS Latin. This is the first book published bearing a date,

> In one of the French schools there is a natural magnet which is capable of lifting four times its own weight.

Of seventy-three important towns in Colorado, twelve are above 5,000 feet and ten above 10,000 feet above sea level.

There is a law in Switzerland which compels every newly married couple to plant trees shortly after the ceremony of marriage. The trees ordered to be planted on wedding days are the pine and weeping willow, and on untal days the birch.

The Arkansas was a monster armor plated "ram" of the Confederate Navy. Her mission was to "drive the Yankees from New Orleans," For that purpose she went down the river, but encountering three Union gunboats, the Essex, Cayuga and Sumter, she was driven on ashore and set on fire.

In 1850 Chicago had less than 30,000 people, Philadelphia 340,000 and New York 515,000; in 1880 Chicago had 503,-000, Philadelphia 847,000, and New York 1,206,000. In other words, Chicago, notwithstanding its enormous growth, had not added as many thousands as either of the older cities.

It is stated that three inches of the backbone of a colored man twenty-one years old were recently removed by surgery in a hospital at Cincinnati in order to restore to him the power of locomotion, which he had lost through a portion of his backbone having been eaten away by disease, and the patient is now able to walk a few steps, and promises to be entirely cured.

At the present time the number of deaf mutes in the world is estimated to be from 700,000 to 900,000, and of these some sixty three per cent, are said to be born deaf, the others losing their hearing by different causes. In the care and education of this vast number about 400 institutions only are provided, contain-ing less than 27,000 inmates of both sexes and employing 2,000 teachers.

It is pointed out that the British Empire extends over a far larger territory than that which was governed by ancient Rome, the superficies of the latter being 1,500,000 square leagues. No English-speaking people is under foreign rule, whilst Britain governs nearly 300,-000,000 individuals belonging to all nations and speaking all the languager of the world, as, for instance, Germans, (deligoland), Spaniards (Gibraltar), Greeks, Italians, Turks (Cyprus), Arabs (Aden), Dutch (Africa), French (Mauritius), Chinese, Indians, Persians (Asia), etc

Known by their Foreheads.

"I cannot express an opinion on the subject of palmistry or even upon phrenology," said a well-known surgeon to a reporter of the New York Mail and Ezpress recently, "for I have never studied either of them, but I do know that the forehead has a language of its own. By studying it the character of the person can be determined almost to a certainty. Take a man who has a very retreating fore-head, which is low and shallow, you will find him deficient in intellect. If only slightly retreating, or what appears to be retreating, from the fullness of the forms over the eyes, you will find him very susceptible, very imaginative, as well as humorous and witty. Ride on an ele-vated train some day and compare the foreheads of those persons you know

Their Own Fault.

Many farmers complain of what they call their hard lot. They work hard, they say, all their lives and yet never get shead any. They dress poorly and live poorly, and never spend a cent for any new or improved thing, no matter if it promises to bring back a hundred fold. When prices are high they have nothing to sell and their tub is always bottom up when it rains. To illustrate at the present time the price of strictly fresh laid eggs in Boston at retail is from 42 to 50 cents per dozen, and it would be interesting and intructive to know how may farmers in this State are able to take advantage of these high prices. The following letters show what can be accomplished by intelligent and enterprising farmers.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. I. S. Johnson & Co., Gentlemen :- I have made a trial of your Sheridan's

Powder and am much pleased with resuit; it is really greater than the report would seem to show, for previous to using it I had nine hens; one died the day before I began to use the Powder. two were moping about, but now are bright and laying every day, and the last week of the trial two of my hens have been setting, so that the product has more than doubled. I bought a large can, but only used about half of it; I do not send in expectation of getting a prize, but I thought you would like to know the result.

Respectfully, L. D. TRIPP.

STAFFORD SPRINGE, CONN., Nov. 29, '80, Messrs. I. S. Johnson & Co.,

Dear Sirs :- I have been using your Sheridan's Powder for two months now for my hens; it works like magic. Last month I got eighty-six eggs from six Langshans, old hens, too. The first of the month I bought three more, and from the nine I have got one hundred and three eggs so far this month, till yesterday, Can't very well compete for your premiums us my hens are producing at their utmost capacity, being fully under the influence of the Powder. I have a neighbor who has twenty-one hens and has only got forty eggs this month.

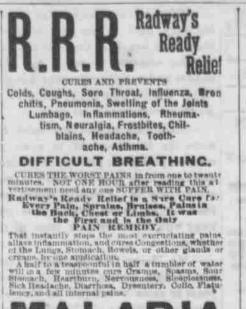
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22 Custom House St., Boston, Mass,

Drummed Out of Camp.

John O'Neal was a drummer of our regiment, and although he had music in his soul, it was so continually drowned by whisky as to find a decidedly scattered expression through the drumsticks. Marches were so dreadfully mixed up with quicksteps and funeral dirges that, when he was to help furnish the music, it was as equally impossible to infuse military ardor on the parade as to clothe with proper solemnity the funeral of a comrade. Finally, John got to be so habitual a resident of the guard house that the drum-major could get no service from him whatever, and it was decreed that he should be drummed out of the regiment.





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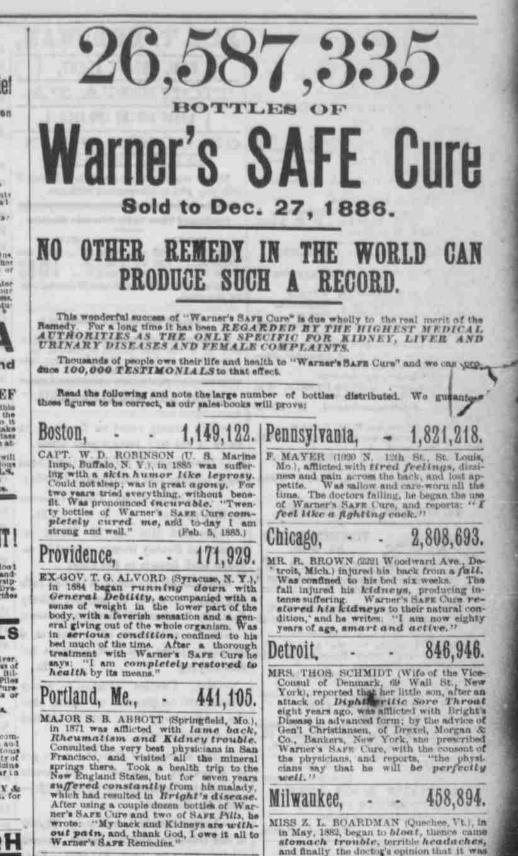
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stomach trouble, terrible headaches, stomach trouble, turible headaches, and finally the doctog's opinion that it was Bright's disease, and incurable, Eventually the became nearly blind, pro-nounced by the doctors to be the last stage of Bright's disease. After having been under treatment by Warner's SAVE Cure for one year, she reported: "I am as well as any one," Minnesota, - - 648.017.

HON. N. A. PLYMPTON (Worcester, Mass.), in May, 1850, was prostrated by Gravel. Under the operation of Warner's SAFE Cure alone he passed a large stone, and subsequently wrote: "I have had no recurrence of my trouble mint Wasner's Save Cure cured may " Warner's SAFE Cure oured me."

Men in the Moon.

The inhabitants of the moon, if there are any, behold a much larger and more luminous moon than the inhabitants of the earth do. It is thirteen times larger than ours, and, therefore, thirteen times more luminous. It hangs in the firmament of the moon without apparent change of place, but not without change of surface, for this great globe as it turns on its axis presents its oceans and continents in grand succession. In a word, in twenty four hours this great roundity which we mortals tread turns its pictured countenance to the moon, and grandly repays the listening or gaing lunarians by repeating to them, with the best of its ability, the story of its birth. Whether there are intelligences in the moon whose capacities enable them to read the story is a question for philosophers and astronomer to solve - Boston Culticator.

The population of France has only in-evenand 500,000 in five years.

with such of their characteristics as you may be acquainted with, and you will find that those noted as being slow and dull will have very project-ing foreheads. On the other hand, among men noted for their solid understanding, powers of concentration and studious habits you will find a pependicular forehead, rather high and well rounded at the temples. Note a man whose forehend is crossed perpendicu-larly between the eyebrows with wrinkles of the same length. You may be sure he is an ill-tempered man. Wrinkles, however, of unusual length indicate deep thought. Sensitiveness and geniality is shown by a low, arched forehead, full at the temples, and when combined with a great fullness over the eyes denotes an improvable and idealistic nature. Persons possessing poetic, ardent and sensitive natures not unfrequently have a blue vein forming a letter "y" in an open, smooth and low forehead.

High, narrow, wholly unwrinkled fereheads, over which the skin is tightly drawn, show a weakness of will power, and a lack of imagination or suscepti bility, while foreheads not entirely projecting, but having knotty protuberances give vigor of mind and harsh, op-pressive activity and perseverance. I have used this philosophy of the forehead for many years in my practice, and attribute much of my success to its un-derstanding. A patient's forehead is always visible to the physicion, and by studying it for a moment he can generally get a good idea of the kind of person he has to deal with, and can act and recommend a treatment to conform to the

patient's "individuality.

One Fault to Find.

General Meigs is very proud of the Pension Building, writes a Washington correspondent. It is modeled after the Farnese palace. General Bragg, who is Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, and has occasion now and then to call on Commissioner Black, has dubbed it the " Pension brewery. "It is a cross," says the General, "between a country brewery and a car stable." I eneral Meigs took General Sheridan through the building recently and showed him all its beauties and utilities. After they came out and stood looking up at the big barns piled one on topoof the other, Meigs said :

General, what do you think of it? " "I have one fault to find with it,"

- said little Phil. " What's that?"
- " It's fire proof."

Awkward Pauses.

Magistrate-"You are evidently a scoundrel " Prisoner-H um not as much of a

scoundrel as you -.

Magistrate (flerceiv) -- "What's that, siri

Prisoner- "Seem to suppose." Magistrate-"Well, maybe not. Hereafter don't indulge in any awkward paules. '- Philadelphia Call.

The drum-major arranged and gave orders that the ten fifers should play ten different tunes, and that there should be a proper and vigorous accompaniment from the nine "boisterous untuned lrums," The music may possibly be imagined by a very versatile musician, but cannot be described unuil some more language has been invented.

In this triumphal manner we escorted him through the camp, and about half a mile outside the regimental lines.

On taking leave of us, which, of course, was in a most friendly way, as there was no personal dislike between him and the other musicians, he made us the following farewell speech:

Boys! You have succeeded in creating a most terrific disturbance, but very little music."-The Comrade.

"No Physic, Sir, in Mine!"

"No Physic, Sir, in Mine!" A good story comes from a boys boarding school in "Jorsey." The deet was monotoneous and constipating, and the learned Principal decided to introduce some did-style physic in the apple-same, and await the happy results. One bright had, the smartest in school, discov-ored the secret mine in his since, and pushing back his plate, should to be pedagogue, "No physic, sic, in unice. My diad field me to use nuthin", but Dr. Parries Fransatt Purgative Pollets," and they are doing their duty files a charm?" They are anti-billous, and purely vegetable. vegetable.

A SAVANNAH man exhibited 124 large sweet potators which were room or a single vine. They completely filled a barrel.

How Women Would Vote.

Were women allowed to yote, every one in the land who has used Dr. Pierce's "Favorito France pion", would yote it to be an unfailing runsdy for the diseases peculiar to her sex. Re devented By druggi-ts.

GERMANY has 23,600 miles of underground telegraph wires, and France 7,300,

"Heilof" we heard one man say to another, "Heilel" we heard one man say to another, the other day. "I didn't know you at first, why' you look teel years younger than you did when I saw you lost." "I cell len years younger, "was thereply. "You know I used to be under the weather all the time, and nave un experied ing to be any better. The doctor said I had consumption. I was terribly weak, had night-sweats, cough, no appetite, and lost fiesh. I saw it. Pierce's 'Goiden Medical Discovery' advart lears, and thought is would do no harm if it did no good. It has cured me. I am a new man because I am a well one."

A THUTEEN-YUAB-OLD boy of Eenton Harbor, Mich., weighs 257 pounds.

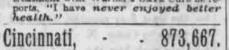
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Cleveland, - - 682,632. St. Louis, - - 1,530,527. EX-GOV. R. T. JACOB (Westport, Ky.) was prostrated with severe Kidney trouble and lost 40 pounds of flesh. After a thorough treatment with Warner's Sark Cure he re-ports, "I have never enjoyed better



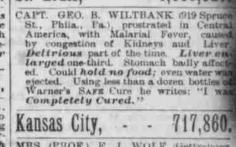
GEN. H. D. WALLEN (144 Madison Ave., New York), scarcely able to walk two blocks without exhaustion, and, having lost flesh heavily, began the use of War-ner's SAFE Cure and says: "I was much benefited by it."

Bal. Ohio, (State,) - 633,158. COL. JOSEPH H. THORNTON (Cincinnati,

COL. JOSEPH H. THORNTON (Cincinnati, O.) in 1885 reported that his daughter was very much prostrated; had palpitation of the heart, intenso pain in the head, nervous disorder and catarrh of the bladder. She lost fifty-five pounds. Otherremedies failing, they began the use of Warner's SAFE Cure, SAFE Fills and SAFE Nervine, and within three months she had gained fifty pounds in weight and was re-stored to good health. That was three years ago, and she is still in as good health years ago, and she is still in as good health as ever in her life. Col. Thornton, himself, was cured of *Chronic Diarrhwa* of eighteen years' standing, in 1881, by War-ner's Star Out

Southern States. - 3,534,017.

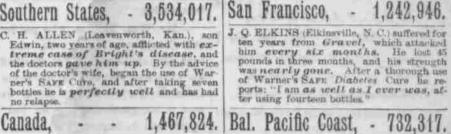
C. H. ALLEN (Leavenworth, Kan.), son Edwin, two years of age, afflicted with ex-treme case of Bright's disease, and the doctors gave him up. By the advice of the doctor's wife, began the use of War-per's SAVE Cuve, and after taking seven bottles he is *perfectly well* and has had



MRS. (PROF.) E. J. WOLF (Gettysbarg, Pa., Wife of the Ed. of the Latheran Quarterly), began to decline with pulmon-ary consumption. Over 50 per cent. of all cases of Consumption are caused by dis-eased kidneys.) Despaired of living. After a thorough course of treatment with Warner's SAFE Cure, she writes: "I am perfectly well."

Bal. S. W. States, - 746.789.

EX-SENATOR B. K. BRUCE (South Caro-1X.SENATOR B. K. BRUCE (South Caro-lina), after doctoring for years for what he supposed was *Malaria*, discovered ho was afflicted with Sugar Diabetes, and hav-ing obtained no relief whatever from his physicians, he began the use of Warner's SAFE Diabetes Cure, and he says: "My friends are aston(shed at my improvement."



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