

NEW SERIAL STORY

DON'T MISS THE OPENING CHAPTERS

At one time we had decided to secure the rights for one of the modern works of fiction but have decided that most readers would enjoy best

THE GREAT STORY UNDER TWO FLAGS

Perhaps you have read it. If you have, you will want to read it again. Your literary knowledge is not complete without this story. Written years ago, it is still one of the best sellers, and great critics of different times pronounce it the

World's Masterpiece of Fiction

Spruce Gum in Maine

Any one who can climb a tree and is willing to dig hard into the spruce limbs can make anywhere from \$1 to \$6 a day in the gum business, for the crop never fails and Maine produces more spruce gum than all the other States combined.

In order to be fragrant and agreeable to those who chew it spruce gum must be ripened under certain climatic conditions that are best realized in Northern Maine. While good clear gum is often found growing spontaneously in the wild woods without the help of human agencies, the best spruce gum—the kind that sells at \$1.25 to \$1.50 a pound wholesale—is the direct result of the gum gatherer's foresight. Gum is the dried and crystallized sap of the spruce tree, which had exuded and simmered in the heat of the summer's sun and then hardened into amber like nuggets in the cold of a long winter.

Maple sugar may be made by boiling the sap of the rock maple tree for a few hours, but if a man were to try to produce spruce gum by boiling the sap of the spruce tree he would get nothing but a bitter and sticky tar.

Of the fifteen thousand pounds of spruce gum annually harvested in Maine twelve thousand pounds or more are gathered in the month of March. The gum picker wears steel climbing spurs on his boots and in his belt he carries a light hatchet, while strapped to his waist is a bag with a wide mouth for the reception of the gum. Climbing a tree, the picker proceeds from limb to limb, chipping off the lumps of gum as he finds them, until he reaches the top. Most of the gum is caught in the wide open bag as it falls from the tree, while all that goes to the ground stands out in such relief upon the snow that it is easily picked up. Having picked all the gum on the tree, he hacks and scars the bark so that the tree may produce another crop.

The best tasting and cleanest gum comes from the deep and narrow cuts made on the south side of a tree. Wounds made on the north side of a tree may exude sap, but, being away from the sun, the sticky juices are filled with spills and bits of bark before it has time to crystallize. By scoring the bark in March the early flow of sap is made to come out slowly and it forms a dam of pitch, so that when the heat of summer comes on and the sap runs freely the gum hangs in pendulous bags, which are glued to the bark in the matrix which formed as soon as the year was made.

Weather conditions have as much to do with the making of gum as in the making of hay. When the first drop of gum has been exuded and hardened it grows daily in layers from the outside. When there is a succession of warm and windless days followed by cool nights, the overlapping layers of pitch will harden up as pure gum. A windy or a cloudy day, followed by a hot night, leaves the gum soft on the surface; then when a dead spill or an insect lights upon the globe it becomes glued to the spot and remains there, a permanent blemish to the gum.

Spruce gum ceases to flow after July 15. From that time on until the picker comes in March the bags or globules of pitch harden and sweeten until they turn to flinty lumps of fragrance. How the process is carried out or what chemical changes take place in the ripening no one may know. It is a secret of trees.

In May and June the gum drops have a warty appearance; they are yellow and viscid, and have a disagreeable pungent taste like that of turpentine. A month later the drops are hardened on the surface and the yellow color has given place to an amber-like transparency. The masses are still sticky inside, and the turpentine taste has been succeeded by an intense bitterness. Under the sun of August the crystals of gum show pink and amber joints on the surface and have a vitreous lustre when broken open. Most of the sticky centre has hardened, but the pungent taste remains.

In September and October the pink lines grow deeper and are streaked with brown; by December every particle of pitch has become hardened, while from New Year's Day to March the frosts and ice take out the bitter taste and leave in its place that matchless aroma which gum chewsers prize. Then the gum picker has his harvest time. Bangor News.

The Facts About War.

This, says Captain C. F. Hamilton, in an article in MacLean's for April, is the meaning of the seriousness of modern war. A country must consider two facts:

1. To fight with success it must drop its entire ordinary business and turn its whole energy to fighting. Its ordinary life must stand still.
2. If beaten it can be made to suffer enormously.

Then, you exclaim, war is so expensive, so serious, that nations dare wage it no longer. Stop a moment. Suppose your nation wins?

The military expenses of Germany in the Franco-German war were \$370,000,000; but she obtained an indemnity of a billion dollars and two rich provinces; it has been calculated that she actually made a profit of about \$800,000,000 over and above her military expenses. Thus the accounts of the two countries stand:

Germany:—Monetary gain, \$800,000,000; territorial gain, Alsace and Lorraine.

France:—Monetary loss, \$2,600,000,000; territorial loss, Alsace and Lorraine.

I omit all references to losses of human life, and I omit all references to the national exultation on the one side and the anguish of spirit suffered on the other. I may add that Germany at first demanded an indemnity of \$2,500,000,000 instead of \$1,000,000,000; and that had Bismarck fully realized the wealth of France and her power of recuperation, it is probable that he would have insisted on his original demand. His purpose was to crush France, to obliterate her.

But there is more. Modern Germany dates her material prosperity from that war, and from the political changes which it caused.

Stealing from the C. P. R.

A series of thefts have been committed at railway sidings along the C. P. R. below Perth. On Wednesday night of last week part of a consignment of goods of J. B. Adam, of Muniac, was stolen. The missing articles include 35 pounds of pork taken from a barrel that was broken open, 13 pairs of pants, two bags of cornmeal, 36 pounds of currants and three pairs of black overalls. The goods were valued at upwards of \$40.00. On Saturday night it was reported that 12 suits of clothes were stolen from the River de Chute siding from goods consigned to Samuel Bishop.

The C. P. R. officials at once placed a man to work to find the parties who committed the theft. Several persons are under suspicion but no arrests have yet been made.—Victoria County News.

Big Development in Land Plaster

New Brunswick farmers should awake to the advantage that will come to them through the fact that the Stinson-Reeb Supply Co., Ltd., of Montreal, has taken over the Tobique Gypsum Company, Plaster Rock, and will make a specialty of the manufacture of land plaster for fertilizing purposes. It will put the well known brand of "Tobique" Land Plaster, on the market at a price within the reach of every farmer in the province. Land Plaster on account of the assistance it gives in conserving the moisture, is a most valuable application for light, dry soil, helping the crops through a drought. On one acre of land treated with land plaster investigations proved that the top eight inches of soil contained 6½ tons more moisture than in one acre of untreated land. Every farmer in New Brunswick wants land plaster, and the new company is ready to make immediate shipments. Orders can be sent to their Montreal office.

Returning to N. B.

Two farmers, former residents of Victoria County are returning one after a trial in Aroostook County the other after working in the West. One declares that the West is painted in far too glowing colors and that conditions are not at all as represented. The other is strong in the belief that Victoria County is as good as the best of places for the farmers.

These are cases of men who are able to return. Those who cannot or would prefer returning but feel ashamed to are innumerable but we never hear of their conditions. It would be well for the New Brunswickers who feel the Western fever coming on to take such cases as these into consideration. Stop; look; listen! Perth views.

ARMAND

Armand Henderson made a trip to Millville this week.

Randolph Henderson is staying with his aunt, Mrs. Henry Smith.

Walter Cogswell of Centreville was a recent visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. A. Kimball.

The exodus of our young men to the West still continues.

On the fifth Fraser London left for Calgary.

Norman Wallace has rented the farm of Scott Orser of Windsor, who intends to leave here shortly for the West.

The many friends of Mrs. Herbert McKenzie sympathize with her in the recent death of her daughter Madeline of Lowell.

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