

Canada are largely prohibitive. It has been found that the growing of kok-saghz involves considerable labor and mechanical difficulties. The rubber in the plant is in the roots, which sometimes extend 15 to 20 inches into the soil. Some sort of modified potato digger would have to be perfected to harvest this plant. Gathering of the seeds presents another problem, since the seeds do not all ripen at the same time, and a constant vigil would have to be kept over the fields during the period of flowering, which usually continues for about six weeks.

On the other hand, the rubber of the milkweed is found in the leaves, and the seeds are in pods. Some sort of combine should be suitable for the harvesting of this plant. In addition, the seeds might be used in the production of oil, and the stalks produce a fibrous material which can be used for cordage or made to take the place of woodpulp for various uses. The "fluff" of the pods has also been found to make an excellent substitute for kapok, a vital war material which, like natural rubber, is now almost entirely in the hands of the enemy or cut off by hazardous shipping conditions.