WORLD HAS BEEN SLOW TO AP-PRECIATE ITS USES.

Man Who Came with Columbus Saw Haytians Playing Ball-Early Used to Exclude Water from Couts and Boots-Increasing Importations.

"The world was a long time learning the uses and value of rubber. For two centuries after the Spaniards saw the gum in the hands of natives of the new world, it was little more than a curiosity. Old Herren, who went with Columbus on his second voyage, made a note of an elastic ball which was molded from the gum of a tree. At their games the nude Haytlans made it bound high in the air. The Aztees were familiar with the gum and called it ule, and from them the Spaniards learned to smear it on their coats to keep out the wet. They had crossed the seas for gold, and never dreamed of a time when the sticky milk the uncouth Indians drew from strange trees. would be worth more than all the treasure of the hills. (On Feb. 23, 1899, a ship carrying a cargo of 1,167 tons of rubber valued at \$2,210,000 sailed from Para, for New York, leaving 200 tons behind on the wharf.) Jose, King of Portugal, in 1555, comes down to us as the wearer of a pair of boots sent out to Para to be covered with a waterproof gum. Yet three hundred years were to elapse before a Connecticut Yankee should make a pair of boots of rubber which would not decompose. Dr. Priestley, author of a work on 'Perspective,' now forgotten, recorded that caoutchouc (pronounced 'kachook') was useful in small cubes for rubbing out pencil marks-hence the name rubber. The India linked with it refers to the savages who gathered it in the Amazon wilderness. Dr. Priestley's cubes were half an inch long and sold for three shillings, or seventy-five cents apiece. A stiff price, for the finest rubber today is a dollar a pound. Its price for cents to \$1.09. The conversion of the Press. gum to useful purposes made but slow headway. The first waterproof cloth in 1797 was the work of an Englishman. It was tentative, and, of course, it would not stand heat. In 1823 Charles Mackintosh, of Glasgow, discovered nuphtha, and, dissolving rubber in it, produced a varnish which, when spread on cloth, made it really Impervious to water. As late as 1820 the importation of rubber into England amounted only to 50,000 pounds. In 1899 no less than 16,075,584 pounds were consumed in that country, and the consumption in the United States reached 51,606,737 pounds. Most of the rubber used in the world still comes from equatorial South America, and the forests where the Indians gathered ule are as dense to day and almost as little known to what men as in the time of Cortez."-Ainsiee's.

#### COMICAL WAS CORRIGAN. An Old-Fashioned Traveling Showman

and Ventriloquist. 'I suppose there are more queer byways in the show business than in any other vocation on earth," said an advance agent, chatting after the performance a few nights ago. "I ran across one of the oddities recently," he continued, "in the person of a single-handed entertainer, who has been working a quiet little circuit of his own for the last twenty years, and is beginning to think about retiring on a snug fortune. yet I doubt whether you could find a soul in the city who ever heard of him. My discovery of the gentleman was due to a mislaid railroad schedule that forced me to stop over night at a dreary little country town in West Virginia. Looking around the 'office' of the hotel, which was also dining-room. reading room and smoking room, I was uning to edge their way in among the surprised to see a handbill announcing that Comical Corrigan would give one of his well-known and justly popular entertainments at the brick church that evening. The poster went on to say that there was nothing about the show to offend the most fastidious; that it would include comic and sentimental ballads, imitations of wild beasts, ventriloquisms, selections on fourteen separate and distinct musical instruments. a funny stump speech and refined jig and wing dancing, the whole to conclude with 'an exhibition of prestidigi-

tation or parlor magic.'

"That sounded promising, so after supper I sauntered around to the brick church, which I found crowded to the doors. I managed to get a seat, however, and, upon my word, I haven't enjoyed myself as much for years." quotes the New Orleans Times Democrat. "I was transported back to my boyhood's happy days, and for two solid hours I forgot I had a trouble on earth. Comical Corrigan turned out to be a plump, rosy person, with a flexible face and a jovial eye, and his entertainment was exactly what I remember seeing at our old town hall when I was a little shaver of 0 or 10-the same good, old jokes, the same conundrums. the same stories, the same songs-I don't believe I missed a single boyhood favorite. In the ventriloquism selection he hauled out the two dolls I hadn't seen for so many years, perched them on his knees and began the well-remembered dialogue: 'Well, Sammy. how do you feel?' he asks. 'With my fingers,' squeaks Sammy, in fulsetto. Then Comical Corrigan whacked him over the head and we all roared with laughter. When Mr. Corrigin announced that he would 'now recite a pathetic recitation by special request," I knew he would favor us with 'Curfew Shall Not Ring To-night' before he for a ring to grind to atoms and fire am on my way to Sunday school.

HISTORY OF RUBBER. from a pistol in his chaste seance of prestidigitation, or parlor magic, I I was so anxious to see that dear old

trick done nga a "After it was all over I met Corrigan and found him a first-rate fellow. He told me he had been doing that sort of thing ever since 1880-drifted into it by degrees, organizing his circuit of towns. making friends of the church and fraternal order people, and gradually building up a clientele that was now as regular and steady as a clock. He sticks to small places, makes the rounds once a senson, and is welcomed everywhere as an old friend. He is under next to no expense, and if it rains on any given date he simply stays over and gives the show the next night I thought of the trials and vexations of piloting a big company over the road." added the advance agent, "and I envied him from the bottom of my heart."

#### An Exclusive Colony.

Those who work in the Du Pont powder mills on the Brandywine, in Delaware, form a queer colony. They are all Irish people, whose ancestors came to this country when the Du-Ponts started in business and went to work for them. For generations the Du Ponts and these people have passed has been a citizen of Pike County for their positions from father to son. Like thirty years. For two years he has their employers, they intermarry and suffered much with Kidney Trouble are very exclusive. They live on what and Rheumatism. His shoulders and are called Dn Pont's banks, which are about three miles from Wilmington straighten up at all. He had palpita-The people of Wilmington know hardly tion of the heart, and a smothering anything about them, for they have few which was very distressing. He used outside acquaintances, and their visits three boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, are not frequent. The hills about the and is as strong and well as ever be banks are the highest in Delaware, and was. He pronounces his cure a mirit is at the base of them that these acle. Mr. Sullivan's statement of his workers live.

electric plant in the works. The people day, and have not a single ache or have their own places of amusements. pain dances and theatricals frequently. Nearly every one of them has lost a relative by an accident in the works. They have ten years has ranged from sixty-two their own graveyard, too .- New York

## Hawsers of Monster Size.

The largest cable of modern times .s tow the drydock to Havana. It is twen-light is almost instantaneous. ty-three inches in circumference, but as been made, although it has the rep- a thunderstorm is away. ntation of breaking the record.

There are at least two others of a greater circumference, but both older, pulse beats during intervals of the One of these had a circumference of lightning and the thunder the lapse twenty-three inches, and was used for of seconds is arrived at. By this Carolina in the navy yard at Brooklyn, of feet, which can be reduced to miles. while the other was a twenty-four-inch hawser, which was used as a sheet-auchor cable on the Tennessee, when she was stationed in the Mediterranean in the '60s.

Such an enormous rope was naturally Sweating Feet. At all Druggists found to be unwieldy, a fact which was Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FI abundantly demonstrated when the Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y. vessel encountered a storm in the Bay of Naples. When the Tennessee returned to her native home in America the hawser was sent to the oakum mills and made it into oakum,

## A Helpful Institution.

A lunch room has been opened in Kansas City, under the auspices of the you? Young Woman's Christian Association. where food is sold at exact cost. The prices seem almost impossible, but judiclous management will accomplist wonders. Cream of tomato soup is sold for 5 cents; roast beef with potatoes, revenue to this country of \$70,000,000 the same; two salmon croquettes cost 2 a year. cents; mashed potatoes the same; peas, 3 cents; cabbage salad, 4; apple pie, 3; coffee, tea or milk, 3; cheese, 1 cent; two sandwiches, 5 cents; a hot roll, 1 tent; butter, 1 cent. The men have found out this wonderful opportunity to get food at cost prices and are beginwomen. Unless they become too numerous they will not be debarred. Let us hope so kindly an institution will prosper, and pave the way for many similar ones.

## Elephants in England.

While excavating for the foundations for the new buildings of the Victoria and Albert museums in South Kensing ton a car load of fossilized bones was brought to the surface by the workmen. These were taken in charge by Dr. Woodward, of the geological department, who pronounced them the remains of the primitive denizens of the sell that fived there before man came to interfere with them. The bones belonged, he said to a London newspaper representative, to the elephant, the stag and the primeval horse, and date back to a time before Great Britain became isolated, ere yet the Straits of Dover had been cut through.

## Sickle from the Sphinx.

The oldest piece of wrought iron in existence is believed to be a roughly fashioned stekle blade found by Beizoni, in Karnas, near Thebes. It was imbedded in mortar under the base of the sphinx, and on that account is known as "the sickle of the sphinx." It is now in the British museum, and is believed to be nearly 4,000 years old.

## His Next Meal.

"That man says he never knows where he's going to get his next meal." "Is he so poor?"

"No, but he's a collector and eats wherever he happens to be."-Philadel phia Bulletin.

#### Only a "Bluff." The Parson-I hope you are not going

fishing on Sunday, my little man. The Kla-O, no. sir; I am merely car rying this rod so those wicked boys opened his mouth, and when he asked across the street will not suspect that I He Amesed the Queen.

A characteristic story is told of two could hardly get mine off quick enough. church dignitaries who were one day vis-a-vis at a dinner party at Windsor castle. One was a courtly, polished cleric high in Queen Victoria's good graces; the other a blunt but important personage whose rank entitled him to a position on the queen's right hand. She talked to him for some time, and then turning to Deanreferring accurately to the dramatis personae of a long past event. "What a wonderful memory your majesty has!" murmured the dean sauvely. "Nonsense!" interposed his brother cleric gruffly from the other side of the table. "It's nothing of the kind. I told ber majesty all that myself five

minutes ago!" The horrified guest, who almost expected to see the earth open and swallow up the plain spoken ecclesiastic. were relieved to observe a smile of evident amusement cross the queen's

#### A Pike County Miracle.

Velpin, Ind., June 17,-Wm, O. B. Sulllyan, farmer of this place, and who is a brother of ex-Representative Sullivan of Pike and Dubois Counties, has had a remarkable experience recently. Mr. Sullivan is 49 years of age, and side were very sore and suff, and his back was so bad he could hardly case is startling:

"A month ago I was a cripple. To-The town is lighted at night by the day I can do a hard day's work every

the principal being the Brandywine | Dodd's Kidney Pills have done some Club, which has a finer building than wonderful cures in Indiana, but none any club in Wilmington, They also have more miraculous than that in the case vided with new taxameter cabs. They of Mr. Sullivan.

## Measuring Thunder Distances.

As a matter of fact, thunder and lightening occur simultaneously, the interval observed between the phenomena being due to the fact that sound only travels at the rate of 1,100 the manilla hawser which was used to feet per second; while the passage of

But it is an easy matter to tell, at t is by no means the largest that ever least approximately, how many miles E. W. Grove's signature is on each oox 25c.

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## Strictly Business.

Theorist-You believe in giving credit to whom credit is due, don't ractical Man-Y-yes, but 1 make

everybody else pay cash.—Chicago Tribune.

Sugar and tobacco imports yield a

A woman is never sure that a new pair of shoes are the right size unless | " afficied with { Thompson's Eye Watel

Daisy was originally the eye of day or day's eve.

If the truth were known about everybody in the world there would be a great many startling surprises.

The small boy can never understand what his mother means when she says she punishes him for his good.

perience with hotel services put their firmly to the arms of the seat. Preschoice refreshments in bottles labeled cutly we settled down a bit quieter-Piso's Cure for Consumption is an

infallible medicine for coughs and

N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

In setting and distributing type a see, compositor's hand travels on an aver- "Yes," he said, "we're off the line age of eleven miles a day. Leaving now,"-London Spare Moments. Sundays and bolidays out of account this means about 3,000 miles a year.

Being asked his age a colored citizen vendesta against the publisher? in Billville district replied: "Well, sub, I'm some older dan dat pine tree kicked merely because he threw me yonder; lill bit younger dan dat live down three flights of stairs and broke oak by de gate en not quite so of ez de my leg; but he inserted a word in my house what I'm livin'at. I ain't much "Ode to Caesar" and made it limp! on figgers mysa'f, but you can count

A tobacco company has contributed for the comfort of the confederate soldiers at Memphis, Tenn., 2,000 pounds of smoking tobacco, 10,000 pipes and 10,000 boxes of matches. The tobacco alone is worth 60 cents a a pound, jobbing rates. The 2,000 yourself,"-Philadelphia Press, pounds means 16,000 rations. This contribution follows a contribution of 14,000 rations of chewing tobacco from another company.

Although the Russians are not noted for their gallantry toward women they have secred one on other people. St. Petersburg has recently been prowork on a dual system, one for ladies callers bore him and tells them to go, and the other for gentlemen, the au- that he is tired. They think his mind thorities having been thoughtful enough to introduce a new tariff, according to which the ladies are only required to pay half the fare demanded of mere men.

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## Prefers the Restaurant.

"The difference between a restaurant an' a cafay," observed Mr. Meddergrass, who had just returned from the city, "is that at a cafay they charge you two bits for bread an' butter, an' at a restaurant they throw it in."-Baltimore American.

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## A Sure Thing.

Promoter-Now, in case the stock goes up you win. Financier-Yes, but in case it goes down?

"Then I win. You see, this is a sure thing; one or the other of us is sure to win. '-Ohio State Journal.

## His Advice.

Amateur Farmer-Mr. Green, there seems to be something serious the matter with the horse I bought of you vesterday. He coughs and wheezdistressingly, and I think, perhaps ne's wind-broken. What would you advise me to do?

Horse Dealer (promptly)-Seil him as quickly as you can, jes, like I did.

Why They Went smoothly.

The following story is told by a traveler about one of the local railways in Ireland:

We were bounding along, he said, at it off another month. the rate of seven miles an hour and the whole train was shaking terribly. I expected every moment to see my bones protruding through my skin. Passengers were rolling from one end People who have had the most ex- of the car to the other. I held on at least I could keep my hat on and

my teeth didn't chatter. There was a quiet looking man opposite me. I looked up with a ghastcolds.-N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, ly smile, wishing to appear cheerful, and said.

"We are going a little smoother. I

## The Unpardonable Offense.

First Poet-So you have sworn the Second Poet - Yes, I wouldn't have First Poet-The fiend!-San Franisco Builetin.

#### Repartee.

"Father," asked twelve-year-old Mabel, looking up from her book, "what is repartee?"

"Back talk." answered father, "but so smart that you wish you'd said it

#### A dunket, "Paw, here's something in the pa-

per about a 'junket.' What is a junket?" "A junket, my boy, is an excursion

at public expense to which you are not invited."-Chicago Tribune.

A Brave Man.

## An Atchison man gets up when

is failing, but is it? Isn't he a man of unusual courage?-Atchison Globe.

#### In the Swim.

Borrowell-Going to take a vacation his summer. Harduppe-Well, my landlord has

Mrs. Winston's SOUTHING SYRUP for children sething, settens the guns, reduces inflamation,

requested me to vacate.

## Not a Bit Grateful.

"What a boundless debt we owe to medical science." "Oh, I don't know; the doctor who

invented the nervous system did a borrible thing for humanity."-Chicago Record-Herald.

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#### "Why not, dear?"

"I'm not going to be a June brides It's too common."—Chicago Tribune.



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