Where the Bulk of the World's Elastic Material Comes From.

FORESTS OF IT IN THE AMAZON VALLEY

How the Trees Are Tapped and the Sap Prepared for the Market-Extent of the Product and the Demand.

(Copyrighted, 1899, by Frank G. Carpenter.) PARA, Brazil, May 22, 1899.-Special chief rubber port of the world. The Amazon valley produces more and better rubber than any other region on earth, and the greater part of its priouet goes through More than a hundred thousand pounds are shipped from here every day, and the amount exported last year was so great that if it were all loaded on wagons slavery, enforcing their commands with reit would take 45,000 horses to haul it over macadamized roads. From every part of this great Amazon valley, from the foot-hills of the Andes, from the wilds of Bolivia, from the savage regions of Ecuador, from the banks of the Orinoco, the Madeira, to the city at its mouth.

day, and in one month in Boston 4,000,000 forehand, and when the bill came in it values of rubbers were recently sold at aucrubber bands a year, and the total weight We left in the evening and steamed all.

Then take the suspenders. This Para rubber upholds the pantalcons of millions. It the fairer sex, and both men and women heavens were dotted with stars. are coasting over the roads upon its bicycle tires. It takes two pounds of Para rubber to make a set of tires, and it is estimated that there are in the neighborhood of 2,000,-000 bicycles now in use in the United States and Great Britain. It takes more to cushion the wheels of cabs and carriages, and the vehicles being made in this way are now numbered by the tens of thousands.

Rubber is used in countless other ways. The rubber ink erasers of the public schools of New York and Brooklyn amount to five tons a year; tons of it are used by surgeons for rubber sheets, eyringes and hot water bags. A large quantity forms the bases of false teeth, and a great amount is swallowed up in machinery and in the industrial arts.

In the Rubber Metropolis. It is rubber that has built up the city of Para, and it is rubber which supports it today. For every pound which is sent away the exporter has to pay 25 cents to the

state government, and the result is that

Para is a rich state and its officials wax fat. The city of Para has about 100,000 people. It is alive and enterprising. It has immense stores filled with all kinds of goods for the rubber camps. It has great warehouses, where the rubber is packed up for shipment abroad, and through its streets you see carts filled with crude rubber going to and from the stores and the warehouses. Much of the rubber is taken in trade for A great deal is brought direct to the warehouses and you see it in all sorts

The rubber exporting parts of the city smell like a smoke house. The rubber is brought in lumps, which look for all the world like four-pound hams. They smell like smoked hams and you would not know the difference without you saw them fall on the street. At such times they bounce up and down and roll about like things alive. as pork hams could not possibly do.

There are many large rubber forests near Para. I shall describe my visit to one of them further on in this letter. But first let me tell you something about the rubber territory of this great valley. The Amazon valley is, you know, of vast extent. It is 700 miles wide and more than 2,000 miles long, and a vast part of it contains rubber

The trees grow over a territory one-third es large as the whole United States. They thrive best on ground that is flooded a part of the year. A great part of the valley is of this nature. The waters cover the tops of the trees. It remains about them for months and then subsides until the floods come again.

The valley is cut up by rivers and streams. It is almost altogether covered with woods and the only way of reaching different parts of it is by the streams. Almost all of the land along the streams is owned by some one or other. If it is not owned it is claimed, and this is especially so of those parts of the valley which produce

Some of it is owned by large companies The Rubber trust controls much of it. The Amazonas Rubber Estate company of London has 90,000 acres on a tributary of the Amazon, more than 1,500 miles above Para. It has a capital of \$1,500,000 and runs a

Cupid's work is done when the baby comes. The soft, little, clinging, helpless mite is the crown of love. Its coming marks the completion of Cupid's object. Cupid brings two loving souls together—the baby holds them together. A woman is never so womanly, so beautiful, so

happy as when she is a mother. Yet motherhood is denied to some women and feared by others.

The fear of motherhood is rapidly passing away and nothing has done so much to drive it away as the record of Dr. Pierce's

Favorite Prescription.

Dr. Pierce has held that danger and pain at the time of parturition were really un-necessary and unnatural, and that if every woman were healthy and strong as Nature meant her to be this function would be performed painlessly and safely. The abuse of centuries of corsets-of health destroy-

ing inactivity—of de-bilitating artificial life have made it impossible for some womer to fully return to the perfect healthfulness of a natural state but of a natural state but every woman may be helped to a large de-gree. The organs di-rectly involved may be strengthened, pu-rified, invigorated for the time of trial and for this purpose Dr. Pierce's Favorite Pre-scription, has been

Pierce's Favorite ra-scription has been used with success by hundreds of thou-land women. It sands of women. It

skill and experience of a regularly gradu-ated physician—a skilled specialist who over thirty years has successfully

treated the diseases of women. Unlike many modern medicines Dr. Unlike many modern medicines Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription contains no Pierce's Favorite Prescription contains no whisky, alcohol, sugar, syrup, opium or narcotic of any kind and its use does not, therefore, create a craving for stimulants.

Mrs. Annie Blacker, of 629 Catherine St., Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "Your medicines have done wonders for me. For years my health was very poor; I had four miscarriages, but since taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Favorite Prescription' I have much better health, and I now have a fine healthy baby."

RUBBERING ON THE AMAZON | steam tug between its estate and the city of went from tree to tree gathering rubber. | HOW Mannos, which is 1,000 miles up the river. I gashed one of the best looking trees and There is another English rubber company, fastened the cup under it. Later on which has been recently formed, with a gashed others and in due time I gathered capital of \$1,250,000, which owns about my rubber and brought it back to the house. 300,000 rubber trees, scattered over 182,000. The next process was the smoking. To acros. This company has produced as much produce the best rubber the sap must be

claims, soon produce 500 tons annually, on the owners of the rubber camps from under a little clay chimney. The fuel was the goods they supply to them and it may paim nuts, which, when lighted, caused a be said that the rubber lands of the Amazon dense smoke to pour out the chimney. The are practically mortgaged to Para and its chimney was just about as high as my knee

This is especially so of the rubber coun- the wooden paddle in the smoke and turn try south of the Rio Negro. On that river, it around without trouble.

One of the most difficult class of thieves not far from its mouth, is the town of Now the rubber sap which I had gathered the police have to deal with is the shop-lifter. This petty thief must be caught in also a rubber city, and its people are largely which our cooks knead bread. It looked the act of stealing, otherwise the goods are are many small rubber buyers and rubber hunters. Some live in the wilds and work with the Indians, others buy of the Indians.

Rubber at \$1,600 a Pound.

from Para. It grows on the islands in the layer of sap on my paddle. delta of the Amazon. I have visited some the Zingu and the thousand minor streams making rubber. I can't say that the ex- of rubber sap in the bowl, and finally, hav- under a suspended sentence of thirty days. loads of rubber are floated down the Amazon periment was a financial success. I have ing made a very small quantity, I handed made just about an ounce, and that ounce the jeb over to the professionals. This is the india rubber age, and Para cost me \$100 in gold, or at the rate of \$1,600 is its mainspring. From here goes out the shoes. There is one factory in New Eng-land that makes 30,000 pairs of rubbers a forehand, and when the bill came in it was

As a result, I have my information. I tion. Some of you have it on the ends of have also my ounce of rubber. It is good your pencils, and others use it in the shape rubber, but unless I use it in raising the of rubber hands. It is estimated that the figures on some other man's check I doubt school children of every one of our towns whether I shall ever receive an adequate of 12,000 inhabitants use more than 8,000 return for my money.

of the bands used in the United States is night up the Amazon. Our hammocks were enormous. there in our pajamas. The air was delightfully soft and just cool enough for comupholds the stockings of other millions of fort. It was moonlight and the equatorial

Early the next morning we landed at the house of a big rubber planter. Our host received us in his bare feet on his veranda and gave us some coffee and a bit of bread for our breakfast. Later on he brought in his wife and two daughters and introduced them to us. The old woman was as broad marked signs of negro blood, although they giass of waisky for a schooner of beer. were by no means bad looking.

What a Rubber Tree Is.

After breakfast we walked about through the forest and watched the process of rubber gathering. First let me tell you just how a rubber tree looks. Many of you thick, glossy, green leaves, which you have seen, is that which produces the gutta percha. It is nothing like the great tree

Its bark is of silver gray where it has not long-time investments. become black by tapping. The trunk of there is no doubt but there is a great desire to get something for nothing, the tree is about as big around as a man's deal of money in the business. The capitalwaist. Where it has been tapped it often ists make a big percentage on everything. nut tree, and in December and January, the smaller gatherers so that the odd half a dozen yards of ribbon up into it while cracker, throwing the nuts to some distance. There are so many nuts on each tree that a to tree and do the work. man could easily gather enough in a day to

plant a hundred acres of land. The trees can be easily grown in the right is too long for a man to wait on the Amazon, and at present the trees which produce

rubber are wild. How the Trees Are Tapped.

The rubber comes from the sap of this Four young ladies, who earn their own tree. The tapping is done from the ground fiving, will take vacations at The Bee's expense, and saving coupons. reach, and sometimes still higher. The trees are not bored with augurs, as our maple trees, nor or they scarred like the turpenting pine trees of our southern states. The tapping is done with a tomahawk or hatchet which has a blade an inch wide. The rubber gatherer makes a light gash in the bark with this hatchet, just deep enough to go through without cutting the wood. As he draws out the hatchet a milk-white fluid pozes out in drops. The fluid is as thin as milk. It is much like the juice of the milk weed. The tapper now takes a little cup of tin or clay about as big as an after-dinner coffee cup and fits it into another cut which he makes below the gash, so that the drops of milk run down into it. He makes three four gashes in each tree, fitting each with ts cup, and then goes on to the next. He Prof. G. D. Sweezy, state meteorologist, in worth of goods, so we cannot punish them continues his work until every tree allotted him has been tapped.

He does this early in the morning when again from tree to tree and emptied the milk from the cup into a gourd-like bucket. Each cup will have a tablespoonful or so of milk, and if for his morning's work he gets a gallon of fluid he has done well. The milk flows slower and slower as the day The air coagulates it and after a few hours the sap has stopped up the

A rubber tree which has been tapped ceptions, viz: looks like a mass of festering sores. The bark, which is of a smooth and beautiful silver gray where it has not been touched, becomes scarred and warty by the wounds of the hatchet. As the wounds close tears of yellow rubber sink down in the bark about them. This comes out after the cup has been removed. It is carefully pie off and is sold as scrap or second grade rubber, bringing from 20 to 50 per cent less than the rubber gathered in the cups, which can be properly cured.

Rubber Paths and Rubber Roads. I neglected to say where the rubber trees are found in the forests. There is no such thing as a rubber grove or a rubber forest. The trees do not grow in groups, but they

are scattered among the other trees so

that you often have to go long distances

from rubber tree to rubber tree. The forests are divided up into paths of to 100 rubber trees. The paths lead in and out of the woods, now crossing streams and now going through swamps, until all the trees on them have been reached. Each path is allotted to one man, who gashes the trees and gathers the rubber upon it. The size of a plantation is known by the number of paths or roads contains. There are some plantations which

contain more than 1.000 roads.

as 200 tons of rubber a year and it will, it smoked the same day that it is gathered. The sap soon coagulates on exposure to Nearly every business man of prominence | the air and hardens best under the influence n Para owns more or less rubber land. of smoke. Together with the rubber em-Many of the big business houses have ilens | ployes I made a fire in a corner of the shed Just high enough so that I could easily hold

held it in the smoke, turning it rapidly, and a basket when wisiting the department and others work on a system much like in about a minute the rubber had hardened stores. On account of her age she was not upon it. I then thrust it into the bowl at first suspected, but the store detective again for a fresh coat of milk, hardened finally landed her. Goods to the amoun this in the smoke in the same way and thus of several hundred dollars, taken from Some of the best rubber is made not far went on until I had built up layer after various stores, were recovered in her house

of these islands and have experimented in almost as many tears as there were drops but owing to her age, she was discharged

the its mainspring. From here goes out the must see a rubber camp, and must make clastic material which moves the world. Some rubber myself in order to tell you because female attice and the paddle. This was more addicted to this class of thieving than of commerce about the paddle. This was men. They believe this to be true largely man, woman and child who will read just how it is done. At my result you have a female attice for the rubber hams of commerce about the paddle. This was men. They believe this to be true largely how cut open with a knife and the paddle. Every man, woman and child who will read this letter is using Para rubber in one form or another. Some of you have it under your feet. Millions of pounds go into rubber four sailors, and we lived high. We failed, like cheese. In the smoking the rubber like cheese. In the smoking the rubber like cheese. loses its beautiful white. It turns yellow and brown. It looks greasy, and it is for all the world just like a ham.

Rubber Thieves.

Rubber is, you know, salable anywhere It is better than the wheat, and the rubber planters and shippers have to watch carefully to prevent its being stolen. The rubber at Para is watched by both the custom house officers and the shippers. It is carefully weighed, being put up in pine boxes, 300 and 400 pounds.

The boxes are watched as they go to the ship. They must be carefully handled, for if one is broken pieces are liable to be stolen, and the steamship company is responsible for the loss. There is a great deal of rubber stealing at the ports to which the rubber is taken. Bits are often carried away by the sailors and traded for not exceed 50 cents or \$1. The manager of drinks at the saloons. A sailor will often as she was long and the two girls showed give rubber worth ten times the price of a One of the great troubles in the rubber

The house was right on the banks of the districts is labor. It is hard to get men to river. It was a rambling one-story struc- collect the sap and smoke it. Emigrants A clething firm gives its less annually as ture, with a tiled roof surrounded by are now being brought from Ceara and porches. At one end was the storeroom other ports of Brazil to work in the rubber filled with supplies for the rubber employes forests. The places where the rubber trees and on the veranda were piles of rubber grow are usually malarious and otherwise hams smoked and ready for the markets. When we went back we took \$500 worth of on the upper Amazon many of them are these hams along with us, towing them and kept at their work by fear of their masters. their owner in a cance behind our launch A great many are debt slaves. They are manner in which the stock is arranged. supplied by their employers with food and Scores of counters are hidden from view

that they are kept in debt. With others the men are so shiftless that they do not work to get out of debt. In the upper Amazon I am told that such men think you have seen in our hothouses the are sometimes passed from one employer to plants from which our rubber comes. You another, the last man paying a certain are mistaken. The rubber tree, with its amount per man as a consideration for the exchange.

Will There Be a Rubber Famine!

The question as to how long the rubber from which comes the best rubber of com- will last is unsettled. There is a variety of opinions on the subject. At present, how-The real rubber tree is not unlike other ever, there is no reason for alarm. The forest trees. If it was not pointed out to you you might travel throughout the Amaever, and every tree, if not abused, will ever, but women of all classes resort to you you might travel throughout the xiber and you saw the rubber bunters at work you would not know what forty years. There is no doubt but that the t was. It looks much like the English ash trees can be grown and eventually there seen to take things who were able to pay and it grows to a height of more than sixty will be great rubber plantations, owned by for them a hundred times over. Our riblarge companies, planted and cared for as bon counter suffers more than any other.

swells out at the base, so that it is much They sell their goods at the highest prices unconcernedly as if they were getting ready larger. It blossoms in August, being then and they charge enoromus rates of interest. to attend an opera. They would run their covered with little white flowers. It is a They weigh the rubber which they buy of hands through the muff and gradually draw when the nuts are ripe, the shells which ounces are always in their favor, and, in the attention of the clerk was engrossed contain them burst with a noise like a fire- short, the only persons who do not make in showing them some peculiar shade which money are the poor men who go from tree they were very anxious to get. Handker-

danger and I should not advise any American to come down here without insuring his Once we caught a man taking two bolts soil and they thrive without cultivation. It life. The chances of sickness and death of silk. He was unfortunate because that takes, however, from fifteen to twenty years are many and on the upper Amazon there before they are old enough for rubber. This are wild Indians, who delight in sending poisched arrows through their blow guns at the white rubber lords.

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FREEZING WEATHER

Deplorable Damage Done in Nebrasks by Severe Cold of the Past Winter Months.

The ravages of the unusually severe weather of last winter are evidenced by lifeless trees of varieties hitherto con- store again on penalty of arrest and prosecusidered peculiarly suited to this climate. Many such are to be seen in Omaha and from persons whom you would not suspect. vicinity. Local tree-culturists generally If we are satisfied that a thief is a proassign winter weather as the cause. A like fessional she is sent to the police station theory is held by Hon. Robert W. Furnas, and an effort made to prosecute her. This secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, has not proven very satisfactory, however, which is confirmed by the observations of as shoplifters ordinarily do not get \$35

letter to Governor Furnas: Your favor of the 16th is at hand and I am sorry to learn that the loss in your them if they do not pay for what they the sap runs best. By noon he has gone vineyard and orchard is so serious, although, have taken they will be punished. as you say, you are not a solitary sufferer. nearly always pay and that is the last we I do not know, however, that the winter killing is very surprising. It seems to me that there has been a combination of conditions that does not often repeat itself. In the first place, the period of two cold

weeks in February was one of excessive cold. It was the coldest February on record, and the coldest month, with four ex-

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rmission for nearly two weeks. Finally, I presume that the rather dry

duration, but continued almost without in-

tended to aggravate the evil. different effect upon plants growing near disposes of the article without delay. termine the life or death of a plant is a peared so completely that an officer was complicated matter and that we ordinarily afraid to stop them. He learned in one grasp only the more prominent factor of instance that a woman had turned her

Four young ladies, who earn their own to keep it out of the dust. It was done ing in New York and a chess club in Brefiving, will take vacations at The Bee's ex-

Department Stores of Omaha Prove Their Best Harvest Field.

HARD TO CATCH THIS CLASS OF THIEV'S

Private Detectives Constantly of Watch in the Big Establishments -How the Shoplifters Work-Seventy-Year-Old Thief.

In addition to the great companies, there thickness.

Just like milk and was about of the same not missed until too late to trace them. The best catch made in a long time in Into this bowl I thrust the end of the Omaha was the arrest resently of a woman paddle. It came out coated with milk. I nearly 70 years of age, who always carried She had been operating for a long period The smoke came into my eyes. I wept with great success. She was lodged in jail,

Merchants and detectives when asked which sex furnished the most shoplifters They continued at the smoking for hours, state without qualification that women are taken out. From the cut part I could ceptacles than that of the opposite sex. easily see the layers made by the smoking. They may conceal stelen articles more It was a cut rubber ham, looking much easily. Another reason is because they frequent the stores more than men. Two detectives say that they have arrested nine women on an average to one man. In the majority of instances a male thief is spotted matter how expert he may be, he is caught. Then, too, men are punished more severely than women. Ordinarily the man is a professional thief, while the woman will insist it is her first effort and will escape.

> Department Stores the Best Field. The large department stores afford the big field for shoplifting operations. The manager of one department store estimates that his losses by shoplifting annually exceed \$1,000. Another said it was impossible to him to approximate the value of the articles taken from his counters. Thousands of small articles disappear, but he cannot give their value. In the majority of instance he believes the amount of the theft would a dry goods house says his firm is not annoyed to any extent in this way because the class of customers which patronize the store are not so mixed as that which passes the doors of the department establishments. nominal because of the manner in which the stock is kept. A jeweler thinks \$50 a liberal estimate on the value of the articles taken from his showcases.

The reason for the large number of thefts In a department store does not lie at the door of the customers entirely, but in the with some the accounts are so manipulated by the vast number of articles packed upon them. In most cases, too, these articles are small in size and can easily be concealed. A member of the firm in one of the large department stores of Omaha talked very entertainingly of his experience with

How Culprits Are Treated.

"We are annoyed especially during the holidays by thieves of this character. They do not frequent any particular counter. They pass from one part of the store to another, stopping wherever anything at-We can attribute sealskin muffs down among the ribbons as chiefs, gloves and table linen are articles Still the business is fraught with great which women take very frequently. When men steal they usually get something larger. meant grand larceny, and he was sent to the penitentiary.

"What method have we adopted in dealing with them? Well, several. One is when a thief is caught to send a clerk around to all the other clerks with her. She is introduced to each clerk, who is advised to take a good look at her, as she is a thief, and must be watched. Before the last clerk is reached the offender is limp from humiliation and cannot be induced to enter the store again. In the majority of cases the thief is taken to the office, where she searched by some clerk of her own sex. If any of our goods is found upon her person a list of the articles is made and a confession grip, but she managed it without the least stating that she stole those articles from such a firm on the date she was captured and that she promises never to enter the tion. We have scores of such confessions except for a misdemeanor. In a few cases we charge up the goods to them and tell

Shoplifters' Methods. The methods adopted by shoplifters are so numerous that it is almost impossible men seldom steal anything in the stores and to keep track of them. A young woman ar- colored women are also said to be more rested a short time ago had about twenty- particular about paying for what they get five different articles stored away about her then their white sisters. The average man person. She wore a dress that opened in who steals does it because he is in need front, and the stolen goods, which were of money, unless he is a professional thief. largely handkerchiefs, gloves and bottles of It is not a hard matter for him to hide a perfume, were easily concealed therein, pair of trousers under a coat or to slip a Women wear long capes and the left arm pair of shoes in an overcoat pocket. He is easily concealed under it. These capes hangs around the showcase, looks at a score often contain large pockets or false lining of different things, and calmly takes what in which articles may be hidden. Hand- he wants. A well known firm recently sekerchiefs are carelessly dropped over some cured a watch from the police stolen fro article which the shoplifter desires, and them last summer. The thief had made when her handkerchief disappears the ar- some trifling purchase, giving a large bill ticle goes with it to be placed nonchalantly in payment therefor. When the clerk rein the purse which she carries so trustingly turned the change some of the bills were in her hand. Silk handkerchiefs and gloves laid down on a valuable lady's watch. The are easily doubled up and disposed of in thief rolled up the bill this way.

Two women working together will enter Again, it occurred while the ground was a store to get at something valuable which leased on bond, which happened to be generally barren of snow, so that no protection was furnished the sail from the tection was furnished the soil from the at some article and folds it up into a small accumulating effect of the low temperature. bundle quite carelessly. It does not suit her, however, and she directs the clerk's condition with which the spring opened has attention to something else, following her in the meantime. The other woman, who I do not know how to account for the has not participated in the conversation, each other. I realize, however, that the Women have been known to steal away sum total of climatic conditions which de-Women have been known to steal away

skirts back over the bolt and dropped it at her side as if she were holding it up

Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Co.

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The guarantee to save you money -and our guarantee tem of turning over goods at a stated price to all graphes we to give tem of turning over goods, at a stated price to all, enables us to give every purchaser the lowest prices to be had. Many like our methods-they find after they shop around and get reductions at other stores they can come here and save from 10 to 25 per cent on their purchase, because we make the lowest prices to all-we make reductions on more goods that do not go fast enough and all get the advantage. We quote below a few articles that prove values - some offerings this week that will not be repeated.

Art Squares—to Close Out —good heavy Union Art Squares, all prices are bold their medical colors. These prices are half their value anywhere.

> 3x31/2 yards \$3.85 21/2x3 yards \$2.65 3 x 4 yards \$4.50

Made-up Room Rugs Another lot, made up from remnants of all grades of carpet, to be closed out this week. Such values speak for themselves. If you can use the sizes, don't hesitate to see them at once.

Brussels Rug-9.3x9.9-made up at regular price, \$12- from remnants \$7.00 One Mouette Rug-9x12.8-made up regular, \$22.00-One Body Brussels Rug-8.3x9.0-made up at regular * from remnants\$14.50 price \$21.00-from remnants\$14.00 One Brussels Rug-9x11.3-made up regular, \$16.75-One Body Brussels Rug-8.3x10.9-made up at regufrom remnants\$12.00

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price, \$24.50-from remnants\$17.50 One Body Brussels Rug-8.3x11.9-made up regular, \$25.65— from remnants\$16.00

from remnants \$9.00 ENOUGH BASKETS LEFT for a selection at half price. This comprises all baskets—work baskets, waste baskets, fancy baskets, hampers—all at 50 per cent discount.

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Just the Furniture You Need

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This handsome swell front sideboard, made of select figured oak, highly polished and richly hand carved, French shape feet, solid cast trimmings, large French bevel mirror, finished in the new golden oak-absolutely the best value offered at our price-

Think of it—a full ■ swell front, quarter sawed and polished, golden oak dresser — has solid cast trimmings, large bevel mirror, 30x24 inches. We doubt if you can match it for one-half more than our price-

\$1250

One Body Brussels Rug-8.3x11.3-made up regular,

One Brussels Rug-11.6x8.3-made up regular, \$16.65-

One Brussels Rug-8.3x12-made up regular, \$16.25-

One Brussels Rug-8.3x11.9-made up regular, \$16.50-

One Brussels Rug-9x12.3-made up regular, \$17.55-

\$18.75— from remnants\$12.00

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from remnants...?..... \$9.00



This choice select Dining Table, made of quartered oak, rich polish finish-has heavy fluted legs —a table value seldom offered. This extraordinary table only

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in it and disappeared. He was arrested,

bound over to the district court and re-

In millions of homes Dent's Toothache

Chess Came Lasting Five Years.

Probably the longest game of chess eve-known was that played between a man riv-

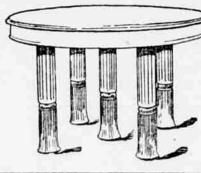
ing in Australia and a friend in Newark N. Y. Each move was made by letter, on-

Pacific ocean and San Francisco. Five years elapsed before the game was drawn to a

ing was a correspondence game which took

place recently between several Germans liv-

Another similar record in chess play



Refrigerators

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