

Rubber Found By Columbus On Second Voyage

Black Elastic Balls Discovered in Hayti: Cultivation Later Spread to India

Thicker and thicker grow the rubber bands that stretch around the world.

Constant tracking of rubber trees in the earth's remotest parts, with the discovery of gas bags making new use for old engines set in rubber to avoid vibration; rubber aprons and baby bibs, rubber garters and ink erasers. There are few who do not use rubber in some form. And the most of us know best what the rubber is, but don't know, for instance, that it was discovered by Columbus, and how to stand on its legs.

Discovered on Second Trip. It was on the second trip of Columbus, when he stopped at Hayti, that he first formal introduction to rubber.

He carried several hundred black balls back to Europe with him. He didn't know that those four-cent balls were the first rubber balls made of wild tree latex in the world's remotest and richest rubber country. Columbus discovered that the balls were made from the bark of a tree.

But it was not until a century later that the Portuguese, who had been exploring the coast of Brazil, found that the kind of gummy tree grew there was the same as that which Columbus had brought back to Europe. They discovered that the world's first rubbers, made in part simply by pouring the latex into crude bottles and tapping the hard around their necks.

Discovered by English Seaman. Rubber has given its name to the English seaman, who discovered that a ball of gum would erase pencil marks from a ship's log. He was the first to use it as an eraser.

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Then it became known that the rubber tree could be cultivated. The first rubber plantation in America was established in 1820 in the city of Philadelphia.

On the large Indian plantations, the cups start out at dawn, each man making the rounds of 200 or 300 trees. First they cut a thin strip of bark from the sloping edge of the wound, to which a cup is attached to catch the milk. The cups are emptied later in the afternoon and the latex taken to the plantation where the liquid is evaporated and the sheets of rubber are made.

50,000 Tons Received Monthly. The rubber is shipped either in crepe sheets or in smoked rubber sheets, which are of three grades, and of various sizes. The first is a clear, unsmoked sheet. The other grades are darker and thicker.

The marketing of rubber has been a peculiar business. The shipper never knew what price he could expect for his crop. Rubber dealers were out each for himself. Price distinctions were wide, and manufacturers had to take risks in stocking heavily, as there was no way to insure their crops by hedging.

Exchange Stabilizes Business. The operation of the Rubber Exchange has gone far toward stabilizing the business. Rubber is bought and sold as far as twelve months ahead on the exchange, and due to the hedging facilities offered by the exchange, importers, dealers and manufacturers can protect themselves against losses due to declines in the price of the raw material.

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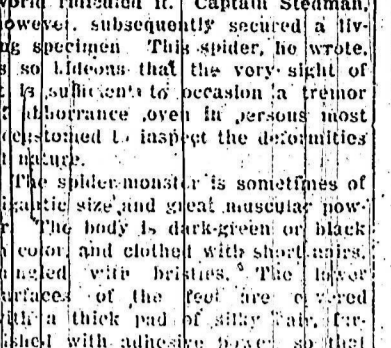
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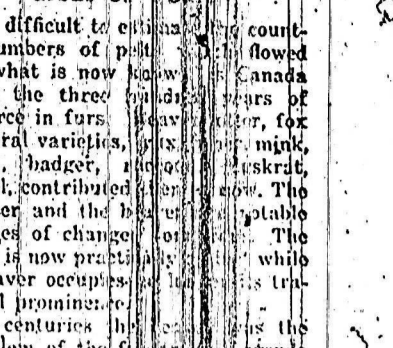
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