BRITAIN'S FORESIGHT SAVES WORLD FROM BIG INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF RUBBER PRODUCTS

FINANCING AND FOSTERING OF RUBBER PLANTATIONS IN HER COLONIES NOW PROVING A BOON TO THE CONSUMER IN KEEPING PRICES DOWN.

about the same quantity of crude rubber and it constitutes only 23 per cent. of the world's supply. While the United States uses about 50 per cent. of cent, of the crude rubber is marketed and controlled by Great Britain.

In 1910 the demand for rubber beproduction, both wild and plantation, cost three dollars- a pound. The estimated crude rubber to be used in about half what it was at the beginning of the war.

Such conditions are in a measure a godsend to the consumer-to the man | duct. who walks and wears rubbers and overshoes; as well as to the man who uses the rubber for his motor car tires. And the rubber-wearing individual can thank the British Government for this. While Britain has just given a single order for 2,000,000 pairs of hip length rubber boots for her soldiers, taking 14,000,000 pounds of rubber, and other materials, still the force known as "government control."

In the meantime that other stapleleatner-has increased in price since the war started, until to-day a single cow hide is worth as much as was paid for the whole cow a few years ago! This is due in a large measure to the quantities of leather used for the army, the cutting-off of the European supply, which came largely from Russia, and other suickly recognized factors, including the fact that there is no "government control" concerned.

With leather up and rubber down it is naturally following that rubber is fast becoming a substitute for leather. With winter and the slushy weather setting in the man in moderate circumstances finds an opportunity to save the costly leather of his bootsso quickly ruined by water, and particularly snow water— by wearing rubbers and overshoes, that, thanks to the British Government, cost little or no more than formerly.

Whatever increase there may be in the cost of rubber goods, elight as it is, is due solely to the chemicals and fabrics which enter into the manufacture and also the higher prices paid to labor. So it would appear that this winter-thanks to Britain's foresight-the patriotic man will wear humble goloshes to save the costly leather of his shoes.

The beneficial results accruing to the eagacity and farsightedness of the British Government in its promotion of the rubber industry and its subsequent "friendly" cornering of the names of the sovereign and his fathcrude rubber market are just now er." Mystic significations in course making themselves manifest in the of time have become associated with manufacturing end of the industry. this toughra. With other staple products soaring in price, and the consumer faced on every side with the augmented cost of kink like a new rope does.

To-day South America is producing raw materials, it is gratifying to know that one article of common use, at least, is not only not increasing in price, but has decreased even under the extreme pressure of war orders. When Great Britain began the fosthe rubber of the world, over 75 per tering and financing of rubber plantations in 1893, the rubber world did not stand aghast, but smiled cynically. South America-Brazil, to be exactgan to increase materially. The world's was then producing practically all of the world's supply, and the rubber, for that year was 70,500 tons, and the crude indeed, that was coming from the wild trees of that country, was considered quite enough. Great Bris 1916, based on previous years, will be tain foresaw conditions, however, and approximately 202,000 tons, put to aided the establishing of plantations varied uses, yet the price is now be- in her tropical colonies, with the retween 60 and 70 cents a pound-just suit that when the motor industry and affiliated and allied manufactories demanded an increased supply

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The Device On Turkish Stamps.

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"Kissing the Book."

When did "kissing the book" come to be recognized as a part of the English oath? Master William Thorpe, a priest, who was tried for heresy before the archbishop of Canterbury in 1407, has in an account of his own trial related a conversation between a "man of law" and a "master of divinity" on the subject of oaths. The man of law spoke of a witness merely laying his hand on the book, whereupon the master of divinity said, "He that chargeth him to lay his hand thus upon the book, touching it and swearing by it, and kissing it, promising in this form to do this thing, will say and witness that he that toucheth thus a book and kisseth it hath sworn upon that book." So the practice is at least 500 years old.

"Kissing the book" must have been familiar practice in Shakespeare's day, for in "The Tempest" there is more than one jocular reference to it. Swear by this bottle how thou camest hither," says Stephano in Trinculo. "Here, wiss the book," offering him his bottle of sack. There is also legal proof that the practice was well known in the seventeenth century .-London Opinion.

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PTOMAINES.

What the Housewife Should Do to Prevent Them.

The hot and often muggy days of summer seem just the ones to develop in certain foods definite basteria which cause symptoms of pain, chilliness, subnormal temperature and thirst. These may continue for a somewhat extended period and are particularly dangerous because the after effects of the poisoning are often severe.

Ordinary colic or intestinal fermentation is not the true poisoning, which is due to fermentation or imperfect digestion.

There are certain foods especially susceptible to the development of ptomaines, such as meat, game, fish and milk or its products. Shellfish, and particularly clams, are possibly the most common cause.

But the development of ptomaines (which, by the way means "derived from a dead body") is not due to any qualities in the foods themselves, but to lack of care in handling them. Some persons think that contact with tin or galvanized surfaces is the cause, as in ice cream. This has not been definitely settled. The chief and accepted cause is change of temperature in food products before they are used and careless storage either on the part of

dealer or housewife. In spite of all that has been said on the subject of care of the refrigerator, sanitary handling and cleanliness many of us are not 100 per cent. rigorous in the way we treat foods before they reach our table. Probably the reason why shellfish are most frequently the cause is because these are very seldom subjected to complete refrigeration, but are allowed to stand about in bags in whatever temperature happens to prevail.

In order to prevent the development and danger from ptomaines we must first oversee and insist on state and

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NOW IS

planted when need arose

own times.

by a native of Sidon for establishing

an "infallible method" of communica-

tion between Greece and his remote

Another method, which originated in

the mists of antiquity, was by means

of pigeons. It is related by Pliny that

when the city of Modena was besieged

by Anthony he sought to prevent all

communication with the outside world

by drawing lines around it and stretch-

ing nets across the river. Decimus

Brutus (d 43 B. C.) who was in charge

of the defense, was able to laugh at

these precautions by using pigeons, to

whose feet letters were fastened, which

duly reached their destinations. "Of

what use were Antony's intrenchments

and sentinels, and of what service were

all the nets be spread," asked Pliny,

"when the new courier took his roule

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Bible about gambling? Wagg -Cer-

tainly. Don't you remember how

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the same great fight.

will be restored.

nations.

and their armies annihilated. The red

crown signifies "the field of blood" of

On the red crown, in one corner, are

five semicircles in gold. These have a

lapsed since Kossovo was fought, and.

secondly, the five colors of the rain-

bow, the sign of hope that one day the

glories of the old Montenegrin empire

Furthermore, the different insignia

of army rank are worn on the rim of

the kapa, from the different combina-

tions or crossed swords of the officer

to the simple leaden star of the cor-

poral. Again, the Montenegrin soldier

wears his medals, if he possesses any.

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Thou are gone, and the love that I

Is drowned in thy blood on the

All my agonized prayers could not

They have numbered thee with the

Thou art gone and with patience I

For I know I shall see thee again;

With pride and pain did I dedicate

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municipal strictness in all handling of food products, particularly milk. The second step is to handle food when it is within our own four walls that our own home conditions cannot encourage this poisoning.

Food left lying even a half hour on the kitchen table, a refrigerator which registers above 50, unclean utensilsany one of these may be the cause of the ptomaine developing. Especially with all canned goods and canned and smoked meats should we exercise the greatest care. Remove the contents from a can as soon as it is opened. Place at once in refrigerator, or, bet-ter, allow the can to stay in the re-frigerator some hours before it is op-

It is worth noting that the bacteria that develop the ptomaines do not always develop putridity or decay—that is, we can eat a food in a high state of preservation and still be subject to ptomaines. Scrupulous care and as perfect refrigeration all the way from the time the food was first handled until the last are the only preventives.

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ANCIENT SIGNALS.

Various Methods That Were Employed to Transmit Messages.

Considering the amount of thought and attention bestowed on the art of war by the ancients, says the United Service Magazine, it is strange that so little information regarding the methods of transmitting orders among double significance. They symbolize their armies and fleets should have first the five centuries that have filtered down to modern times. For, as the Greek historian, Polybius, who lived in the second century, B. C., very justly observed "opportunity is of great advantage in all things, but especially in war; and among the several things which have been invented to enable man to seize it, nothing can be more conducive to that, end that signals."

The earliest recorded means of conveying intelligence rapidly over great distances was by the human voice. Thus, when the King of Persia invaded Greece (480 B. C) he is stated to have posted sentinels at suitable distances apart, the whole way from Susa to Athens, by which means news could be transmitted at the rate of 450 miles in 48 hours.

According to Caesar, the same method was in use among the Gauls. who, he tells us, when desirous of transmitting important intelligence, or in need of help, shouted the news from place to place; and that thus the mas sacre of the Romans in Orleans, at sunrise was known at Auvergne, 120 miles away, between 8 and 9 o'clock the same evening.

Obviously, such a method would be liable to interruption by weather. But, as human life was little accounted among the ancients, the normal line of shouters would, doubtless, be sup-



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Effect of Cold On the Senses.

An explorer who took part in an Antarctic expedition states that the most remarkable effect of the cold which he noticed was the loss of sense and touch in the fingers. It was almost complete.

"Suppose you wanted to look for a knife in your kit bag. You would put your hand in and feel round for it, and you would actually have it in your hand and not know. It was the same with everything we handled. We saw that we picked it up and saw that we held the article; we could not feel that we had it."

He added that it was not possible to shave, because the skin became irribiliousness, stops acring pains in the tated and sore, while if the beard became too long it became moist and then froze into a block. The only thing to do was to keep the beard and moustache clipped close.

Thou art gone and I cannot recall Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

A HOT COME-BACK. (Boston Transcript)

-Though dreading what might befall Miss Royal (triumphantly)-I suppose For God's glory and Germany's Jack's Financee-No; he told me there things in his life he were a number of things in his life he was ashamed of, but I didn't ask him what they were." Thou art gone and thy feet unreturn-

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