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GROWING AND EXPORTING INDIAN JUTE

The following report, covering the exports of jute and jute manufactures from British India and the wages and conditions of the jute-mill operatives, is furnished by Consul-General William H. Michael of Calcutta:

Practically all the jute exported from India passes through the port of Calcutta. During the calendar year 1906 the value of jute and jute manufactures declared at this consulate-general for export to the United States was \$30,709,426, viz: Gunny bags, \$2,040,234; gunny cloth, \$19,881,707; jute (raw), \$5,715,929; and jute butts and rejections, \$3,071,556.

The Commercial Intelligence department, in its returns showing the sea-borne trade of British India for the year 1906, gives the exports from Calcutta to the United States as follows: Gunny bags, 13,979,690, valued at \$719,330; gunny cloth, 482,785,420 yards, valued at \$17,328,930; raw jute, 248,406,256 pounds, valued at \$9,350,095; total \$27,438,265, or \$3,271,161 less than the figures recorded in the consulate-general, which are based on the invoices covering all jute and jute manufactures shipped from Calcutta to the United States, and must be accepted as correct.

The people of a mill, or several mills are nearly located together, occupy a village, which is made up of huts made of mud, bricks, and palm leaves woven into sheets and tacked onto bamboo poles. All are thatched with a long tough grass used throughout India for covering huts and bungalows, and which make it tight, cool and durable roof.

The floor is made of clay tamped down hard, which makes a very good floor. On this floor is spread in places matting made of bamboo grass. On this matting many of the natives throw down a cotton blanket, or possibly a thin mattress, for beds. Some have a rude bed made of four posts 16 inches high, with cross-head and side pieces pinned together and then crisscrossed with bed cords. There may be a few rude benches, but little or no other furniture is to be seen in the huts. The natives eat on the floor, squatted around a pot or pan containing the food. The men and boys eat first and the women and girls afterwards, taking what is left. The mode of life is thoroughly primitive.

No knives, spoons or forks are used

in eating, the fingers answering all purposes. Each Indian is ambitious to own a brass jug or pot, and these brasses are handed down as heirlooms and are held as almost a sacred possession. They are kept bright by scouring them with mud and water. After a meal the brasses that have been used in any way are taken out in the street, where the women or men, as the case may be, squat on the ground and rub them with dust and water.

What the United States Pays for Jute.

It might be well to consider the fact that we are sending to India \$21,921,941 annually for bags and cloth that might be made at home. We are receiving articles that are made by the cheapest paid labor on earth, and which could be made by mill labor in the United States. We are buying \$8,787,485 worth of raw jute annually and manufacturing it into cloth. Why not buy as much raw jute as we need and manufacture it into cloth and bags? This would give additional employment to our own people and keep the profits at home.

It would be still better to encourage the growth of ramie on the lands going to waste in the Philippines, where that fiber can be successfully cultivated. Thus we would be absolutely independent in respect to bags for use in handling our flour, wheat, corn, oats, and other commodities. Since the process of cheaply degumming ramie has been discovered there seems to be no longer any excuse for holding back in the cultivation of ramie on an extensive scale.

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Golden Rule Hotel.—H. S. Cesteel, Pilot Rock; N. Kinsman, Pilot Rock; H. A. McRoberts and wife, Ukiah; Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Rockfence, Wash.; W. S. Pverton, Weston; E. P. Jones, Nampa; B. L. Smith, Hermiston; H. E. Dainds, Bingham Springs; L. Rathburn, Portland; Fred Feidler, Ritter; Charlott E. Well, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson, Mable Ball, Walla Walla, Wash.; J. Farmer, F. Farmer, H. H. Smith, Portland; M. A. Woods, J. A. Axtell; Sadie Hamilton, Boise.

Burglars went through Edward Burns' saloon at Thorpe, Kittitas county, Wash., and stole \$960 in cash.

HARTFORD, HOME OF INVENTORS

CONNECTICUT CLAIMS 15 PER CENT OF PATENTS.

William E. Curtis Tells of the Hotbed of Yankee Genius—Every Man Who Goes to Washington From Hartford, It Is Said, Has an Application for Patent.

William E. Curtis, the fascinating writer of the Chicago Record-Herald, gives the following interesting account of Hartford, the home of inventors:

The records of the patent office at Washington show that more than 15 per cent of the applications for patents come from the state of Connecticut, which means that Yankee genius has been developed here to a greater degree than in any other part of this enterprising country and Hartford has a large share.

The factories here are full of ingenious men who are continually devising improvements upon the machinery with which they are working. They are smart enough to see where they can add to its capacity and increase its products or the economy of its operation. It would be a big book that contained descriptions of all the original Hartford inventions, and a new edition would be needed every year, like the city directory, for each mail that leaves for Washington carries applications for patents. The wooden nutmeg period has passed. The people are too busy these days making genuine articles of usefulness to waste their time on fakes.

The first woolen mill in America was started here in 1788, and George Washington delivered his first inaugural address in a suit made from its cloth.

The first cast iron plow in the United States was made in 1820 by Alpheus and Truman Hanks, whose small foundry has since grown into one of the biggest machine shops in America. They built the engine of the Keersarge which sank the cruiser Alabama.

In 1834 Levi Lincoln invented a machine to card wool with wire teeth by which he ruined a great domestic industry. Mr. Lincoln also invented a machine to make hooks and eyes, and another to punch holes in buttons, which turned out to be a very profitable idea.

John Fitch, who lived a little way north of here, undoubtedly developed the steamboat before Robert Fulton made a success of it, but lacked the capital or the gumption to secure the reward.

Alonzo D. Phillips of Hartford, invented friction matches and first manufactured them here.

Apollos Kinsley invented a machine to press brick instead of shaping them by hand.

James Hills of Hartford, invented the lawn mower. He called it the "Archimedean," which shows that he had his head in the air even if the machine was on the ground. The woven wire mattress was first produced in Hartford, but I cannot find the name of the inventor.

Samuel Colt, a Hartford boy of 16, invented the revolver while he was on a sea voyage, and it was used so effectively by the Texans in their struggle for independence and by General Jackson's troops while fighting Seminoles in the swamps of Florida that it made him a great fortune. The business he started has grown into an enormous armory, perhaps the most important of all the Hartford industries.

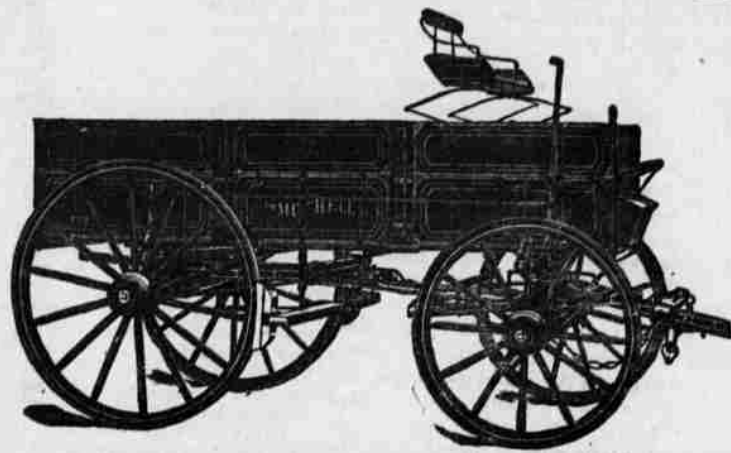
Christian Sharps of Hartford, invented the breech-loading rifle, C. M. Spencer the repeating rifle and Dr. Richard P. Gatling, also of Hartford, devised a gun that kills by wholesale and shoots bullets by showers.

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