

USE 3,000,000 MATCHES EACH MINUTE OF DAY.

Seven Billion a Year is the World's Consumption, and it is Worth Considering.

Washington, D. C., Saturday.—By the end of the brief minute taken to read these lines the nations of the civilized world will have struck 3,000,000 matches. This is the average for every minute of the twenty-four hours of every day. Seven billion is the number for each year, and those living under the American flag are said to be responsible for this consumption of one-half of this amount.

The importance of the industry which turns out the little splinters of wood tipped with sulphur or some other material ignited by friction is only recognized when the average smoker tries to contemplate his predicament if he had to go back to the time when he had to coax a spark from a tinder box.

The answer is, he would smoke a great deal less because of the difficulty in getting a light, or else smoke continuously in order to keep alive the fire at the end of his stogie or Havana, pipe or cigar.

Small and insignificant as it is, the match demands perhaps as much attention in the choice of the wood good into its manufacture as any other forest product. Only the choicest portions of the best trees are suitable. Sapwood, knotty or cross grained timber will not do.

Instead of being a by product of lumber articles of manufacture, the little match is turned out at hundreds of mills over the country where the by products are bulky objects like doors, sash, shingles, siding, posts and wood. Pine, larch, white cedar, poplar, birch and willow are the most suitable match timbers.

The matchmakers—not the matrimonial kind—are already finding that the amount of choice timber available is dwindling. Forest conservation, if applied to the holdings of the match companies, as it is on Uncle Sam's compartments in the West, will do much to make the supply sufficient for a large number of years that would be the case if the old time wasteful lumbering methods of a few years ago should continue.

The rapid increase in stumpage prices is one of the chief factors in encouraging the wise use of the forests where suitable match timber is available.

BOLO THE FAD IN LONDON SOCIETY.

Weird Example of Canine Species Replaces the Blue Bird and Teddy Bear.

Poor Teddy bear seems likely to lose his place not only in the nursery but in the favor of My Lady Fair. For a time the "bluebird," the symbol of "the vague emotional state of happiness," according to the Maeterlinck play at the Haymarket Theatre, seemed to be coming in from the London toy shop.

Now it is Bolo, and Bolo certainly threatens to replace the Teddy bear in juvenile and also in feminine affection. He is a weird example of the canine species, and his brown and white coat and his impudent, puffed face are coming in like the London toy shop.

The original form which Bolo is designed is Mr. George All's creation of the dog character at the Drury Lane pantomime. The manager of Hamley's, who are the makers of the English Teddy bear, of the bluebird of the "mousetrap" of last year. Which, however, did not catch on much—and of Bolo, said he thought the revulsion of feeling in the matter of toys on the part of the younger generation—and others—is due to an innate attraction for something that is sensational.

It is certainly a sensationally ugly enough. Perhaps that's why so many grown-ups buy Bolo as mascots to fix on their automobiles or place in their bouidoirs.

To meet the fancy of society, too, the new big hotel which the West End Hotel Syndicate is putting up in the Bromley road is to have the biggest ballroom which will be found in all London, and it is to be the best, too. It is to occupy the entire basement of the building and is to have a spring floor. A "spring floor" is so built that it "gives" at the least touch and makes dancing much less tiring than on a rigid floor. Such floors have hitherto been unknown in England. When they are laid down in all dancing halls—authorities say they are bound to come—dancing will become even more popular than it is now.

WILL GOES SHOPPING.

Gets Commission from His Sister to Buy Sewing Machine Needles.

Uncle Will was a most accommodating uncle to the youngsters and a most devoted brother to their mother, therefore when Uncle Will started to town his sister did not hesitate to ask him to buy something she needed, nor did the children hesitate to demand that he bring candy.

What Uncle Will's sister needed was some sewing machine needles for a Busybody Sewing Machine, Model C-23,468. "All right," said Uncle Will; "how many shall I get—a quart?" "Heavens, no!" said his literal sister; "I want two or three. Be sure they're for a high-arm Busybody machine with a tangent shuttle, No. C-23,468."

Uncle Will thought of sewing machine needles as he was going to the station on his way home. He stopped a policeman and asked him where sewing machine needles might be had. The policeman considered.

"There's a place," he said at length, "across town, but it's a long way from here. They keep all kinds of machinery—engines and things."

Then a bright idea came to him—an inspiring one. "Why not ring for a messenger boy," he said, "and have him show you the places?" This struck Uncle Will as a great time-saving scheme, and presently he was in tow of a red-headed messenger boy who smoked cigarettes profusely.

"We want some sewin' machine needles, said the boy as they entered the nearest department store. The floor-walker pointed dramatically toward the elevator.

"Seventh floor—rear," he said and departed. "What kind of needles?" inquired the saleswoman. Uncle Will dived into his pocket.

"Busybody, high-arm, tangent shuttle, No. C-23,468," he read from his memorandum.

"Don't keep 'em," said the lady briefly, turning to resume her interrupted conversation with a lady friend who had called.

At the next store they offered needles for a Hummer machine, said to be made by the same people.

"Is it the same as the high-arm tangent-shuttle machine No. C-23,468?" Uncle Will asked.

"Not exactly," said the tall, spectacled man who waited on them, "but it's a good machine. You'd better let me sell you one—"

Dinner time came and Uncle Will treated the messenger boy to pie. Then the hunt was resumed.

"This is a cinch," confided the messenger. "You're paying for me time on me feed." Uncle Will said that was all right, and the two entered another department store.

"Of course we have them," said the manager of the department; "we keep everything in supplies." "For a Busybody, high-arm, tangent shuttle machine No. C-23,468?" inquired Uncle Will, joyously.

"Certainly," said the department manager; "what size do you want, and do you want them for the tailor model or the home model machine?" Uncle Will scratched his ear.

"Give me both," he said, "and all the sizes."

"It was so good of you, Will, said his sister, "to bring me these, but none of them will work. I need size No. 3—didn't I tell you?"

"You didn't," said Uncle Will, briefly. "I'm going down to the postoffice for a while. Leave the front door unlocked."—Dallas (Tex.) News.

Farm Notes.

Feed a fattening pig all he will eat if the appetite is kept keen, the digestion and assimilation are good.

The dry weather early in the season was just right for turkeys and there will be a larger crop than usual.

Every hog house should be fitted with a properly adjusted ventilating shaft, so that the foul air can escape.

Keep troughs and feeding pens clean. Do not let any feed remain after the meal. It sours, molds and is unhealthy.

To make pigs get thrifty, strong and healthy, there is nothing like clover pasture, milk and mill feed with a very little corn.

Many find enjoyment and profit in pigeon rearing. If it can be arranged, they would give employment to the restless boys and girls.

When sheep have to be kept up closer, do not forget that they need water. A good clean fresh water supply is essential to healthy stock of all kinds.

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