

SOME QUEER IMPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES

No Duty on Wild Animals Intended for Zoological Gardens and Educational Purposes.

ROSE LEAVES COME IN FREE

When Brought in Crude State...Infants' Foods Form Considerable Item of Importation... Great Variety of Articles Forming Trade

Washington, July 18.—Recent tariff discussions which include the rates of duty on articles almost unknown by name to the general public have illustrated the breadth of scope of the commerce of the United States.

The great variety of articles forming the trade of the United States with other countries is illustrated more clearly by the Bureau of Statistics figures of imports than those of exports, due to the fact that its import record is necessarily stated in terms of the tariff law.

A study of this statement "Imports for consumption," as issued by the Bureau of Statistics and constantly consulted by statesmen in preparing and discussing and acting upon the pending tariff bill, shows many curious facts regarding articles included in the import trade of the United States.

ANIMALS, BIRDS, LEECHES.

Wild animals, for example, imported for zoological exhibitions and scientific and educational purposes, are permitted to enter free of duty because of their prospective use for educational and scientific purposes.

Birds imported in 1908 amounted to over \$300,000 in value, and while these are not specifically enumerated as to varieties, it is presumed that this group is largely composed of canaries and parrots.

Leeches are also enumerated by the Bureau of Statistics under the general head of animals imported, the total value of the imports of this species in 1908 having been \$5341, in 1907 \$6992, in 1906 \$4494, in 1905 \$3862, in 1904 \$3589, in 1903 \$3240, and in 1902 \$2412—the commerce in leeches being thus of a growing character.

Snails were at one time enumerated as an article of importation, the records of 1894 to 1898 showing snails imported to the extent of about \$5000; but the small trade so dwindled, showing only \$24 of imports in 1898, that the bureau discontinued its statements of this article.

"Divi-divi" as an article of importation has been the subject of many jests by the humorists during the tariff discussion of Congress, though in fact it is an article of no inconsiderable importance in the tanning industry, the product of a leguminous tree in the West Indies and South America, entering in the form of a pod, and amounting in quantity in 1908 to 184,000 pounds, valued at between \$2000 and \$3000.

ROSE LEAVES IMPORTED.

Rose leaves are also imported free of duty when brought in in a crude state, the value of the imports of 1908 being but \$105, in 1907 \$2187, and in 1906 \$5879, the value of rose leaves imported in the decade ending with 1908 amounting to over \$20,000.

The extension of the chewing gum industry and the use of that product among the people of the United States is illustrated by the fact that the importation of "chicle" in 1908 chiefly for use in the manufacture of chewing gum, amounted to more than 4,000,000 pounds.

"Dragon's blood" imported, amounting on the face of the returns to 15,000 pounds in 1908 and to over 200,000 pounds in the last decade, is, of course, not in fact dragon's blood at all, but a mere name for a deep reddish resinous substance obtained from a variety of trees in the Orient, especially the east coast of Sumatra, and used as an ingredient in varnishes, stains, and dentifrices.

"Infants' foods" also form a considerable item of importation, \$41,000 worth in 1908, and during the decade have amounted to nearly a quarter of a million dollars, on which the duty collected amounted to nearly \$50,000.

"Nux vomica" forms a more important feature of the import trade than would probably be realized by the average individual unacquainted with this particular trade. The Bureau of Statistics' figures show that the importation of nux vomica amounted, in round numbers, in 1908, to 3,000,000 pounds, valued at \$54,000, while the quantity imported in the decade ending with 1908 amounted to about 25,000,000 pounds, valued at over \$400,000.

"Musk and palladium" forms a more important feature of the import trade than would probably be realized by the average individual unacquainted with this particular trade. The Bureau of Statistics' figures show that the importation of musk amounted, in round numbers, in 1908, to 3,000,000 pounds, valued at \$54,000, while the quantity imported in the decade ending with 1908 amounted to about 25,000,000 pounds, valued at over \$400,000.

MUSK AND PALLADIUM.

Musk importations in 1908 amounted to over \$80,000. The musk of commerce is a secretion of a special gland of the musk deer, and comes chiefly from China, Tonkin and other Oriental countries, being thus exported in most cases in the gland as cut from the slaughtered animal, and when imported in this form is described as "musk, crude, in the natural pods," and when entering in this form is free of duty.

"Palladium" is also an article of commerce, though in extremely small quantities, since the quantity of palladium imported in 1908 was but three one-hundredths of one pound. This small quantity, three one-hundredths of one pound, was, however, valued at \$21, a pound, therefore, being worth approximately \$700. In other years the quantities imported have been much larger, amounting in 1905 to over \$10,000 in value, and in 1904 to more than \$16,000 in value.

Bristol, Va., July 18.—By the narrow majority of 32 out of a total of 844 votes polled, the anti-prohibitionists won the local option election here yesterday, following one of the most hotly contested campaigns of its kind known in the south.

Preparations are already being made for opening the saloons and wholesale houses for supplying not only the immediate territory, but the half dozen neighboring states which are in the prohibition column.

GOV. SANDERS' ADDRESS TO THE EDITORS AT COVINGTON

In his address to the Editors at the Covington convention recently Gov. Sanders said:

"Every man and woman in this world has a certain work to perform. There is no duty greater and more unpaid than that of the publisher and editor of a newspaper.

"When one makes a fortune in the business, thousands make clearly nothing beyond a bare living. I cannot impress too much or too strongly upon you that you ought to weigh carefully the things that you put in your mind. You ought to make up your mind fully that the things you honestly and conscientiously believe to be true, and having made up your mind of that then publish them to the world no matter what the consequences may be, nor whom they may hurt, but in making up your mind let your mind be a responsive mind, so that you can cast aside what is bad and take what is good.

"There has in recent years been inaugurated in the State of Louisiana the idea of building good roads in the State, so that one community may be linked with another by permanent highways. That particular thought has enlarged and in all of this State we find people eager and anxious for permanent highways through their communities. Take this one thought home with you, the permanence of your public roads. If you want to build a court house in your parish, you figure on the cost of the building, then you calculate how much money you can have to put into a building and you build it either by levying a special tax for that purpose or by fractions on your revenues for ten years.

"Now my friends there are certain things that are your duties, I think I would like to discuss with you, but I am going to discuss but one of them. There has in recent years been inaugurated in the State of Louisiana the idea of building good roads in the State, so that one community may be linked with another by permanent highways. That particular thought has enlarged and in all of this State we find people eager and anxious for permanent highways through their communities. Take this one thought home with you, the permanence of your public roads. If you want to build a court house in your parish, you figure on the cost of the building, then you calculate how much money you can have to put into a building and you build it either by levying a special tax for that purpose or by fractions on your revenues for ten years.

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At The New Lacombe.

The new Lacombe Hotel will again serve special supper on Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 p. m. Price 75 cents.

AN ORDINANCE

To prohibit the running at large of dogs within the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas, La., unless equipped with a muzzle, or with a collar to which shall be attached a tag, fixing the price of said tags and providing for the manner of issuing same; defining what shall constitute a sufficient muzzle within the intent of this ordinance, and authorizing the killing of such unmuzzled or untagged dogs by the police officers of this City.

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Memphis Girl Deserts Sunday School Class to Get Married.

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Closing Exercises at Prairie Basse School.

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Little Housekeepers by all the girls. School Days by all.

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The Italians, by Bell Budd and Jennie Roy. Spanish Cavalier by all.

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