

around the base of the tree near the box which created a fire hazard.

But, the greatest disadvantage was the injury to the trees. Boxing damaged the wood, making the trees unfit for lumber harvesting. It also weakened the trees, causing them to be very prone to wind breakage.

Although a receptacle for catching gum was patented in the U.S. in 1868, this method was not used in America until after the turn of the century.

After studying this method, Dr. Charles Herty, a chemist of the University of Georgia, conducted numerous tests in the pine forests



Naval stores were among the first products exported from Georgia. In this turn of the century photo, dock workers prepared a supply of naval stores for shipment abroad. Although production has declined in recent years, Georgia remains the nation's top producer of rosin, pine gum and turpentine.