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| 11  24  38  43  55  66  80  94  107  121  135  147  162  165 | Tom Adams and Santa Anna  Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna was the president of Mexico between the years 1833 and 1855. After many losses in battle, Santa Anna’s army disbanded, and he left his homeland. In the 1860’s, he came to the United States hoping to get rich.  In New York, Santa Anna hired Tom Adams to be his assistant. Adams had attempted many money-making schemes but had not gotten rich yet. Adams told Anta Anna he wanted to make strong tires and sell them. He was looking for an element to stabilize his tire mix. Santa Anna said that he could use *chicle* a flexible sap from sapodilla tree in Mexico. Adams added *chicle* to his tires and rigged up a model. But when one exerts pressure on *chicle*, it will not keep its shape. The tire went flat.  Santa Anna helped Adams come up with an astounding product, but it wasn’t a tire. You won’t see their product on a replica of an old wagon. They made gum! |

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