If you want to remove all tags, then do the following:

var tagBody = '(?:[^"\'>]|"[^"]\*"|\'[^\']\*\')\*';

var tagOrComment = new RegExp(

'<(?:'

// Comment body.

+ '!--(?:(?:-\*[^->])\*--+|-?)'

// Special "raw text" elements whose content should be elided.

+ '|script\\b' + tagBody + '>[\\s\\S]\*?</script\\s\*'

+ '|style\\b' + tagBody + '>[\\s\\S]\*?</style\\s\*'

// Regular name

+ '|/?[a-z]'

+ tagBody

+ ')>',

'gi');

function removeTags(html) {

var oldHtml;

do {

oldHtml = html;

html = html.replace(tagOrComment, '');

} while (html !== oldHtml);

return html.replace(/</g, '&lt;');

}

People will tell you that you can create an element, and assign innerHTML and then get the innerText or textContent, and then escape entities in that. Do not do that. It is vulnerable to XSS injection since <img src=bogus onerror=alert(1337)> will run the onerror handler even if the node is never attached to the DOM.