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brought face to face with the dangers and disasters of a fireless country. The removal of the marketable timber from our forests, thus cutting off one of the great industries of the State, and the contemplation of the fact that Pennsylvania is no longer able to supply her own inhabitants with the wood which they require, are of themselves, at least discouraging. But, when coupled with the apprehension that further destruction of the forests will work perpetual harm to our boasted agricultural interests, the situation truly becomes alarming. It is a recognized fact that, of the waters which fall upon cleared areas, four-fifths are lost because it runs immediately out of the country; while four-fifths of the waters which fall on forest areas are saved, thus proving that if the vast volumes of water which so frequently deluge the State could be retained long enough to soak into the ground, destructive floods would be prevented and the consequent loss of property and life averted. Two floods within the past eight years have occurred of unequal proportions and destructiveness. Large areas of alluvial soil once tilled have been abandoned along the Juniata river because the repeated floods made it impossible to maintain fences or to mature the crops. This is true also of other river bottoms in the State. During the past eight years the valleys of the Juniata and the West Branch of the Susquehanna have lost more than a million dollars in the bridges which were swept away. The recurring floods, overflowing the banks of nearly all our rivers, and the consequent loss of property, the personal danger, apprehension and fear, are quite enough to excite the most serious solicitude.

Pennsylvania, as I have said, possesses vast areas of mountainous territory which are of no value whatever as agricultural or mineral lands. They are, however, of untold value to the State at large because they contain the sources of many of our rivers. When the owners have removed the timber, the land is generally deserted, no attempt is made to restore a growth of timber because it involves a period of time too long for private enterprise. Forest fires generally complete the work of destruction. The sequel to the deluge is generally a low stage of water in our streams. In other words, low water so frequently occurs in the streams of the State because the ground has rushed out of the country in destructive freshets. The rainfall during the past season has been exceptionally small. There would possibly have been low water if every acre of the State had been clad with timber, but there could not have been such general and total suppression of springs and drying up of small streams if the water sheds of the State had been properly covered with forests.

The great interests involved, in my judgment, make it essential that our forests be restored and protected wherever possible. The waste area should come under proper guardianship. No interests so important should be left in private hands. The State should feel the necessity and it has the power to protect and restore. Let the State, of all, provide adequate protection against forest fires. Let the care, preservation and rehabilitation of the vast forest wastes be espoused by the State, carefully guarding by compensation the rights of the private owner.

I would like to see in every township where forest destruction has begun to injure the perennial springs, and the ways or the fertility of the farm land, a reservation of say fifty acres on the water sources or highest elevation, covered with forest fires and dedicated to the public use and as a children's playground. If the township schoolhouse should be within the reservation or near it, all the better.

The National Government has already set apart large areas of timber land as forest reservations. New Jersey has ceded her portion of the Palisades to the Government as a public reservation. New York already maintains large forest reservations in the Adirondacks and the legislation needed to accomplish the same has met general, I may say, almost unanimous approval.

The question of pure water supply for large centers of population has become of absorbing importance. There is no guarantee of public health so effective as a pure water supply. The water from our mountain streams is almost pure. It contains neither filth nor other germs of disease. Whatever good may come from filter plants for the waters of our cities, it is much wiser and better to provide in the first instance water that is uncontaminated. This can be done by securing control of the headwaters of our larger streams, and for most every city in the State at reasonable cost all things considered.

It would be well if every farm-owner would plant with shade trees every public and private road and every line whether of field or farm boundary. If he can find a cheaper substitute than fencing that wood, which is continually decimating his timber reserve, it will add to the general advantage.

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Lightning. Its Curious Freaks.

Persons struck by lightning have had small holes drilled in the skull, but otherwise they were not marked. Victims have been horribly burned, and even dismembered. A stroke of lightning has cut off a man's ear, or shaved his hair and beard clean, and not hurt him in any other way. The markings are often curious. Blue is the common color, but they have been red, green and black, and occasionally the whole body turns black. Negroes who have been struck by lightning have had their skins bleached in spots to absolute whiteness. One negro struck by lightning found, after he had recovered consciousness, that he had one completely white arm, the rest of his body being as black as usual. Blindness, deafness and either total or partial paralysis are frequent consequences of lightning strokes. Sometimes the lightning selects a single object on a man's person, and assails that without apparently touching the man himself. Coins have been melted into their struck together in a man's pocket, while he suffered no ill consequences. Keys, watches and watch chains, metal carriages and eyeglass frames have been more or less damaged, while the persons wearing them were almost uninjured. Clothing, too, has been almost demolished without injury to its wearer. Iron tacks have been pulled out of shoes, and rubber boots destroyed frequently. The brass eyelets were once torn out of a man's shoes, but he hardly felt the shock.

A DEADLY JOKE. "Who do you suppose," said Mr. Jollier, looking up from his newspaper, "is buried in Greenwood?" "I don't know," returned Mrs. J. "Who?" "Why, dead people of course."

And the silence was broken only by Jollier's denouement: "Ha! ha! he is the Texas Siftings."

"ALL FULL INSIDE?"—Can't speak for the other passengers, driver, but that last dumping filled me up. "Yes, and 'twill 'lay you out,'" if it was as doughy as some of them are, and then you'll need Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets to relieve your pain, and gently remove from the stomach and bowels, all irritating matter. No drastic purges these, but gently cathartic, more laxative than cathartic, yet though mild, doing thorough work; and easy to take, specific in disease of the stomach, liver and bowels. In vials to preserve their virtues, sold by all medicine dealers.

DO YOU MAKE DOUGHNUTS? THIS WAY? Stir 1 quart flour, 1 saltspoonful salt, 1 saltspoonful ground nutmeg or cinnamon, 2 rounding teaspoonful baking powder, together. Beat 2 eggs; add one cup sugar, 1 cup milk, 2 teaspoonfuls melted COTTOLENE. Stir these into the flour, roll and cut into shape. Have kettle full of COTTOLENE—at just the right heat—and fry the doughnuts in it for 3 minutes.

For frying, COTTOLENE must be hot, but don't let it get hot enough to smoke or it will burn. To find if it is hot enough, throw in a single drop of water. When at just the right heat, the water will pop.

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Fish Incubation. The Process.

This is the season when codfish are being hatched in the laboratories of the U. S. Fish Commission at Wood's Holl, where there are facilities for the incubation of 65,000,000 cod and 35,000,000 lobster eggs at one time. Last year there were 70,500,000 cod eggs hatched at this station and 40,000,000 embryos and planted in the waters of Buzzard's Bay and Vineyard Sound. Before the present season is over there will have been from 150,000,000 to 175,000,000 lobsters and cod planted. A cod egg is a transparent ball, 1-18th of an inch in diameter. The eggs are obtained at Wood's Holl laboratories from fully grown fish, which are purchased in September and kept in cages under water until about Nov. 15, when the first eggs are deposited. At the proper time an attendant of the station examines the fish, and if they are in condition, a gentle pressure causes the eggs to flow. A single cod yields from 30,000 to 3,000,000 eggs, but the average deposit covers a period of three weeks or a month. In the glass jars, which are used for artificial hatching, it is easy to separate the good eggs from the bad, since dead cod eggs, being heavier than the live ones, sink to the bottom. In the case of shad eggs, the reverse of this is true. It requires 6,000 lobster eggs to make an ounce, and 10,200 eggs of the flat fish. When the cod hatching is over, the production of flat fish is begun, and during the last of March, the collection of lobster eggs.

A PRESIDENT ON BRANDY FOR SICKNESS.—The President of the Baltimore Medical College, Dr. Byrd, who has thoroughly tested Speer's wines, etc., says: "I have prescribed Speer's Port Grape Wine with marked and decidedly beneficial effects. I am prepared to bear testimony to the value of his Climax Brandy, also, as a pure and valuable article in all cases of disease in which a reliable stimulant is required, I would be happy if it was instrumental in inducing my fellow citizens to patronize these productions, to the exclusion of the harmfully adulterated wines and brandies with which our people are often injured."

HARVEY L. BYRD, M. D., President and Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children, Baltimore Medical College.

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