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PENNSYLVANIA'S FORESTS.

Short Talks on the Forests and the Lumber Situation.

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The farmer is the great consumer of wood in the United States—more than thirty-five per cent. of our national production of lumber, and more than fifty per cent. of our production of all kinds of wood, is used on the farm. Wood is the farmer's chief construction material. No substitute will make building so easy and rapid or fill so many of his needs. What ever raises the price or lowers the quality of his timber supply adds to his troubles and cuts down his returns.

There was a time when the Pennsylvania farmer looked upon the forest merely as an obstruction to be got rid of before he could put his plow to work. Brush and stumps were hard to contend with, and wood for fuel and construction was to be had for the taking. Today the farm forest plays a growing part in the profitable working of the Pennsylvania farmer.

The woodlots of the eastern farms contain a very large part of the total supply of hardwood left in the United States. They are soon to become of vast importance, both to the fortunate owners and to the nation. In this Pennsylvania will play a large part.

To the farmer the woodlot furnishes material for fuel, fencing and construction, and the chance for the profitable use of otherwise slack time. The sale of surplus woodlot produce becomes constantly easier and more profitable. With the rising price which the national shortage in good hardwood has brought about, the owner will find it increasingly to his interest to keep up his woodlot and to extend it to lands otherwise idle or of low value for other purposes. Whatever works against keeping the farm woodlot in good condition, works damage not only to the owner but to the people at large.

For the settler in the cut-over regions, forest devastation has created great opportunities and great dangers. Forest devastation has put many millions of acres upon the market, and has opened the way to shameful speculation and unmitigated fraud. Innocent purchasers have been enticed to buy lands of little or no value, and then left to make a losing fight against hopeless odds. Attempts to farm low-grade cut-over lands have made thousands of families into paupers.

There are communities in many parts of Pennsylvania, where lumbering has been abandoned because the trees have all been taken, and where families have tried and tried hard to eke out a living on ground that is not fit for agriculture, only to fail. The result has been degeneration of the whole neighborhood. Hardship and crime provoked by hardship have produced a race of people unfit for citizenship. Such a local calamity as this may be charged directly to forest devastation.

There are doubtless some cut-over lands in Pennsylvania that can be made profitable for agriculture, but the rule is that forest lands are of the greatest service both to their owners and to the State when they are continued as forest lands. The great thing is to keep the land steadily at work.

So long as lands are at work and at profitable work, what crop they are raising is of minor importance. Lands which can best produce farm crops should be kept at it. Lands which can best produce forest crops should be kept at work growing timber. If, later on, the land can be made to pay better in other crops, the most profitable crop will have the right of way.

This Month and Catarrh.

Many people find that during this month, catarrh is so aggravated by sudden changes of weather, indiscretions in the matter of clothing and other things, that it becomes constantly troublesome.

There is abundant proof that catarrh is a constitutional disease. It is related to scrofula and consumption, being one of the wasting diseases. Hood's Sarsaparilla has shown that what is capable of eradicating scrofula, also relieves catarrh, and aids in the prevention of consumption.

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Tree Injury by Rabbits and Mice Preventable.

Last spring hundreds of orchardists and farmers found many of their fruit trees girdled by mice or rabbits. Bridge grafting saved some of the trees that were damaged in this manner, but this saving was much more expensive than if precaution had been taken the preceding fall to guard against the girdling. That fruit tree owner is wise who takes immediate steps to protect his property before winter and heavy snows come, according to Professor F. N. Fagan, of the horticultural department at The Pennsylvania State College school of agriculture.

Guard against mice or rabbits by first clearing away all litter, such as mulch, weeds and grass, from the base of fruit trees. They form ideal places for mice to spend the winter. Little damage occurs in the cultivated orchard except from rabbits. Soil can be mounded about the base of trees before the soil freezes. If this is done and the grass and weeds removed, little damage can be expected from mice. Such mounding is not a protection against rabbits, however.

There are many methods of tree protection that give good results. Wire screen protectors, having two to

three meshes to the inch, pushed well into the soil and wrapped to a height of twenty inches around the trunk, are very satisfactory. Wrapping the trunks with common building paper is also an efficient form of protection. It should be held in position by a tar treated string as mice will often cut common string. Veneer wood protectors are very satisfactory, and are used in the same way as the paper. Both kinds of protectors should be re-

moved in the spring. Such protection is advisable where heavy snows are common, as the snow cuts off the food supply for mice and rabbits and they soon go after the bark of fruit trees.

First Neighbor—I'm getting tired of Newcomer cutting his lawn at five in the morning.

Second Neighbor—What are you kicking about? He wakes me up at four-thirty to borrow my lawn mower.

No Laughing Matter.

Browne—I witnessed a wonderful act last night—a man juggling fifteen silver dollars while balancing a ten-dollar bill on the tip of his nose and giving an impersonation at the same time.

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Browne—The salaried man, of course.

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