

THE TIMBER SUPPLY.

Three Times as Much Timber Used Each Year as the Forest Grows.

Every person in the United States is using over six times as much wood as he would use if he were in Europe. The country as a whole consumes every year between three and four times more wood than all of the forests of the United States grow in the meantime. The average acre of forest lays up a store of only 10 cubic feet annually, whereas it ought to be laying up at least 30 cubic feet in order to furnish the products taken out of it. Since 1880 more than 700,000,000,000 feet of timber have been cut for lumber alone, including 80,000,000,000 feet of coniferous timber in excess of the total coniferous stumpage estimate of the Census in 1880.

These are some of the remarkable statements made in Circular 97 of the Forest Service, which deals with the timber supply of the United States and reviews the stumpage estimates made by all the important authorities. A study of the circular must lead directly to the conclusion that the rate at which forest products in the United States have been and are being consumed is far too lavish, and that only one result can follow, unless steps are promptly taken to prevent waste in use and to increase the growth rate of every acre of forest in the United States. This result is a timber famine. This country is to-day in the same position with regard to forest resources as was Germany 150 years ago. During this period of 150 years such German States as Saxony and Prussia, particularly the latter, have applied a policy of government control and regulation which has immensely increased the productivity of their forests. The same policy will achieve even better results in the United States, because we have the advantage of all the lessons which Europe has learned and paid for in the course of a century of theory and practice.

Let it might be assumed that the rapid and gaining depletion of American forest resources is sufficiently accounted for by the increase of population, it is pointed out in the circular that the increase in population since 1880 is barely more than half the increase in lumber cut in the same period. Two areas supplying timber have already reached and passed their maximum production—the Northeastern States in 1870 and the Lake States in 1890. To-day the Southern States, which cut yellow pine amounting to one-third the total annual lumber cut of the country, are undoubtedly near their maximum. The Pacific States will soon take the ascendancy. The State of Washington within a few years has come to the front, and now ranks first of all individual States in volume of cut.

At present but one-fifth of the total forest area of the United States is embraced in National Forests. The remaining four-fifths have already passed or are most likely to pass into private hands. The average age of the trees felled for lumber this year is not less than 150 years. In other words, if he is to secure a second crop of trees of the same size, the lumberman or private forest owner must wait, say, at least one hundred years for the second crop to grow. As a rule, such long-time investments as this waiting would involve do not commend themselves to business men who are accustomed to quick returns. But the States and the Nation can look much further ahead. The larger, then, the area of National and State control over woodlands, the greater is the likelihood that the forests of the country will be kept permanently productive.

MORE NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND STATES.

If any one has any doubt as to the virtue of Foley's Kidney Cure, they need only to refer to Mr. Alvin H. Stimpson, of Willimantic, Conn., who after almost losing hope of recovery, on account of the failure of so many remedies, finally tried Foley's Kidney Cure, which he says was "just the thing" for him, as four bottles cured him completely. He is now entirely well and free from all the suffering incident to acute kidney trouble. Sold by all Druggists. 6-1

A Rockwood Pumpkin Story.

Mrs. Simon R. Parker, of Rockwood, while preparing a sweet pumpkin for pumpkin pie, one day last week, made an unusual discovery. Having cut the pumpkin in twain she was amazed to find that the seeds had germinated and well formed vines had attained a growth that extended to the inner side of the pumpkin shell. Unlike usual instances of this sort the pumpkin was exceptionally well preserved and there was not the least indication that decomposition had started the seeds to germinate. But for the Parker family's fondness for pumpkin pie, there might have been an early crop of pumpkins in the Parker cellar.—Connellsville Courier.

DISTURBED THE CONGREGATION.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by all Druggists. 6-1

Conundrums.

1. Why are sinners like corn and potatoes? Because they have ears, and hear not; and eyes, yet see not.
2. Why is the letter K like a pig's tail? Because it's the latter end of pork.
3. What grows less tired the more it works? A wagon wheel.
4. Why is grass like a mouse? Because the cattle eat it. (Cat'll eat it.)
5. Why is a nail, fast in the wall, like a feeble old man? Because it is in firm. (Infirm.)
6. Why is a pig with a curly continuation like the ghost of Hamlet's father? Because he "could a tale unfold."
7. Why is a fish dealer never generous? Because his business makes him selfish. (Sell fish.)
8. What is the count on which you always lose? Discount.
9. Why is a selfish friend like the letter P? Though first in pity, he is last in help.
10. Why are buckwheat cakes like caterpillars? Because they make the butter fly.
11. What three letters turn a girl into a woman? A G E.
12. What smells the most in a drug store? Your nose.

RELIEF FROM RHEUMATIC PAINS.

Among the troubles that beset mankind rheumatism is one of the most aggravating. "I suffered with it for over two years," says Mr. Rolland Curry, a patrolman, of Key West, Fla. "Sometimes it settled in my knees and lamed me so I could hardly walk, at other times it would be in my feet and hands so I was incapacitated for duty. One night when I was in severe pain and lame from it, my wife went to the drug store here and came back with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I was rubbed with it, and found the pain had nearly gone during the night. I kept on using it for a little more than two weeks and found that it drove the rheumatism away. I have not had any trouble from that disease for over three months." For sale at Miller's Drug Store. 6-1

Mother's Work.

"My mother gets me up, builds the fire, and gets my breakfast and sends me off," said a bright youth. "Then she gets my father up, gets his breakfast and sends him off. Then she gives the other children their breakfast and sends them to school; then she and the baby have their breakfast." "How old is the baby?" asked the reporter. "Oh, she's most two, but she can talk and walk as well as any of us." "I get two dollars a week, and father gets five dollars a day." "How much does your mother get?" "With a bewildered look the boy said: "Mother! Why, she doesn't work for anybody." "I thought you said she worked for all of you." "Oh, yes, for us she does; but there is no money in it."

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He Announced His Intentions.

A young man and his lady-love attended a protracted meeting which was being held in the village church. Arriving late they found the church filled, but a gentleman arose and gave the lady his seat, while the young man was ushered far away to a seat in another part of the building. The service grew warm and impressive.

"Will those who want our prayers please stand up?" said the preacher. At this juncture the young man thought it was getting late, and he would get his sweetheart and go home, but not just knowing where she sat, he rose to his feet and looked over the audience.

The minister, mistaking his intentions, asked: "Young man, are you seeking salvation?" To which the young man responded: "At present I am seeking Sal Jackson!"

She Was Busy.

A lady came down from upstairs and asked the manager of the hotel if she could get a glass of water, at once. "Why, certainly, madam," said the manager, filling up a glass from the water-cooler.

Two minutes later she was back in the office again. "I don't like to trouble you," she said, "but could I get another glass of water, right away?"

"No trouble at all, madam," said the manager, handing her another glass. Two minutes later she appeared again. This time she asked for two glasses.

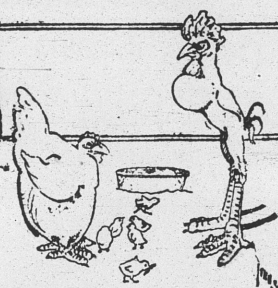
"Certainly, madam," said the affable manager, "but could I inquire what you are doing with so much water?" "Well," she said, "I don't want to frighten you, but my room is on fire and I'm trying to put it out."

What He Wanted.



Man Fra' Sheffield—Let's 'ave a tie, laad. Nothing gaudy, mind. Just plain yellow and red.—Ally Sloper's Half-Holiday.

An Ancient Jest.



"How is the rest of your family coming on?" "No good at all. They all turned out to be bad eggs.—Broadway Magazine.

Patriotism and Beer.

At the time of the Spanish war an evening party was given in Germany. During the supper a young officer raised his mug of beer and said: "My friends, this beer reminds me of the two nations at war. The rich, brown part is Spain, the white frothy part is America." Whereupon a young American girl retorted: "Well, you must admit that the froth is on top."

Suitable Medicine.



Willie Rock—What did the doctor order for you, Mr. Eel? Johnny Eel—Slippery elm tea.

Afraid of His Job.



"How is it you never take a vacation? The boss could get along without you, all right." "I know he could, but I don't want him to find it out."

Proof Positive.

She was the cause and the \$9.98 engagement ring on her finger was the result. "Dearest," she murmured, "will you love me when I'm old?" "Sure!" he replied. "Haven't I seen your picture in the family group taken in the days when girls wore jerseys?"

Knew It All.



Mrs. Hoax—Isn't there a disease called shingles? Joax—I believe so. Mrs. Hoax—Comes on the roof of the mouth, I suppose.

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