



TIMBER SALE ON JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST, NEW MEXICO

MILLIONS of feet of timber and finished lumber for every year in railroad ties, bridges, trestles, piles, farm buildings, fences, poles and mill props. The lumber containing 600,000,000 to \$40,000,000 a year to make good the losses from wood decay.

These great drains are a source of more and more concern each year. Chemists and engineers who have to do with the uses of wood are working unceasingly on the problem. The United States forest service has men who devote their whole time to it.

Wood decay is caused by fungus, a vegetable growth sometimes so small that it can be seen only with the microscope. Its roots or branches, like minute hairs, force their way into the wood tissues and absorb or eat away the solid parts.

Protected Seed Beds, Pine's Peak Planting Station. Sawmills pass through a second process of manufacture before it is ready for the consumer. The study is regarded as having an important bearing on the extent to which more economical use of our forest resources can be brought about.

In the United States waste in the woods, the mill and the factory is so great that two-thirds of what is in the trees is lost on the way to the consumer. The heaviest part of this loss takes place in the sawmills. Much of this mill waste is unavoidable under present conditions, but the greater the demand for the product and the higher its value, the better will economy pass.

Statistics of the wood-using industries of Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, and Wisconsin, lately gathered by the department of agriculture in cooperation with the states, show that of their total saw-

FAT PEOPLE, TAKE COURAGE! MADE SOME SPEED

With Harpooners' Whales as the Motive Power Small Boat Lingers in the Water in Its Passage.

Whalesmen sometimes make such time in their boats as would put them a long way ahead of any of the professional oarsmen. How they do it was told by an old whaler recently.

When I went out from New London as a boat-steerer," he said, "that is a pretty lively berth. As a whaler, you can tell you, especially when a whale is tackled."

"Sometimes you can put an iron into the water, and it won't splash on the surface, but will start off like a rocket, or perhaps will go right down, and you have to cut loose and lose your line and iron."

"The captain called the watch up and a couple of boats started for the whales, which were lying still, as if sunning themselves. In my boat was a big crew, black as the ace of spades."

"The whale lay still for a minute, as if struck with an aneurism that any one should dare to touch him. Suddenly he made up his mind what to do. He started off like a locomotive, the rope whirling around in the water as if it were a landlubber."

"The pressure downward pried the water up on both sides of us so that it seemed to be at least three feet higher than the edge of the boat, but it couldn't run, for we were going so fast."

"Every one's eyes were blurred with the wind, which seemed to be blowing a hurricane against us. This thing couldn't go on forever. The water soon got a little scared for it looked as if the whale would never get tired out."

"The whale he hit stopped, and all I know, is going ahead at the rate of a mile a minute still, but the iron had come out."

"Who's the whale?" "Oh, and I, the iron melted out, he went so fast!" "Just what I thought," said the captain; "and that night we all had 'plum duff and grog.'"

It Made Him Cross. James Archibald McDougall was a politician keen; at all election meetings he was prominently the scene.

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