

boatmen will steer their fragile market boats, by means of strong sweeps at bow and stern, down the arrowy rapids, can be paralleled by the consummate canoe-craft of our own Canadian Indians.

An important business of the country is the rafting of timber from the vast forests of the interior to the great lumber marts of the East. The raftsmen are a bold, adventurous set of fellows,



RAFTING TIMBER ON THE GREENBRIER RIVER.

whose feats of balancing, as they shoot down a rapid on a log rapidly revolving beneath them, put to shame the exploits of the professional gymnast or acrobat. On account of their wandering life and remoteness from the centres of religious influence, comparatively little has been done for the spiritual welfare of these hard-handed sons of toil. While possessing many generous and noble traits of character, they are, in too many instances, addicted to habits of intemperance and of profanity.