

Russian Forests.

The constantly increasing destruction of Russian forests is naturally discussed with much interest by Russian papers. The *Pall Mall Gazette* says:—"In the last hundred years the forest area of Russia has diminished from 11 per cent. in 1700 to 45 per cent. in 1850. The beautiful oak forests are becoming extinct. Of the celebrated chestnut woods of Vassilsursk, which date from the time of Peter the Great, only the borders exist at present, while all the interior is ravaged. The extensive forests on banks of the Volga and the Don, which once reached far into the steppes towards the Ural Mountain, are now destroyed, and so many millions of trees have been felled in the interior of Russia that wood is becoming scarce in many of the provinces. The destruction is carried on very systematically; but before long it will of needs come to an end if the enormous consumption of firewood is not energetically stopped."

Pacific Coast Forests.

The forestry association of the Pacific coast, under the competent guidance of Prof. Sargent, is devoting its attention to the preservation of the beautiful forests of the Pacific coast range. Especially the redwood forests of California are said to undergo a fearful devastation by careless lumbermen, who utilize less than half of the trunk cut, besides the damage done by such indiscriminate cutting to the younger growth of trees. Very often districts are fired after the very best timber has been removed and thus additional damage is done to neighboring woods. Such wholesale destruction will eventually harm the lumbering interests far more than the small additional gain of the present can compensate for, and it seems that this fact is only too often ignored by those who are supposed to know better.—*Buffalo Lumber World*.

A Famous Parisian Tree.

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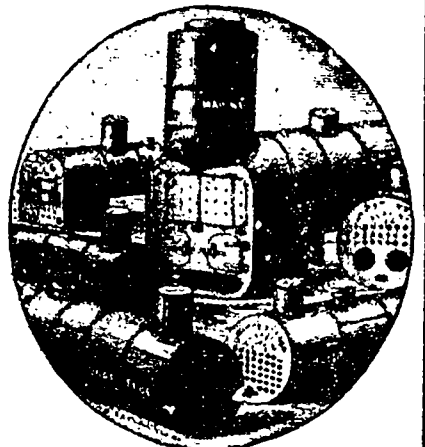
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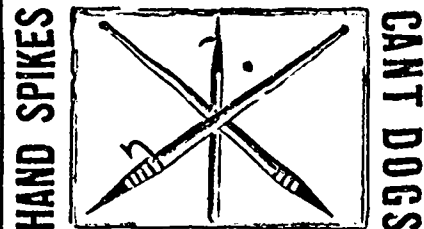
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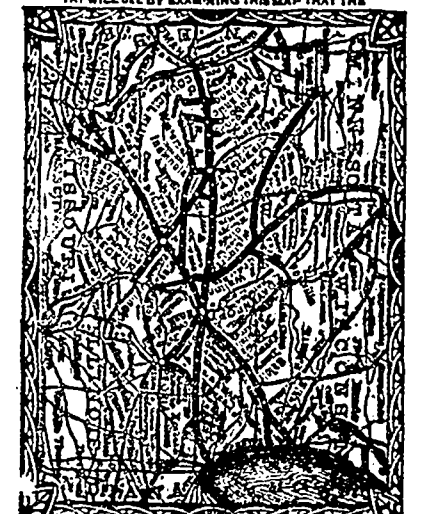
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