

Forest wealth of Canada.

Undertakers are using cheap coffins pressed out of paper pulp. When polished and stained such coffins are almost as handsome as those of wood. They last longer in the ground than coffins of wood or metal, and they can be hermetically sealed better than the heavy metal coffins.

Paper boats are generally looked upon as playthings for very small children, but large, commodious, staunch boats are now manufactured out of paper pulp. They can resist the water, and are lighter than wooden or metal boats. Lead pencils and cigar holders made of paper are in daily use, and even carpets and mattresses are manufactured in a limited way out of paper. The mattresses are made of paper pulp and ordinary sponge, with springs embedded in the composition. Artificial straws for drinking iced beverages, which are superior to the natural straws, are being placed on the market, and so is a peculiar cloth paper for printing bank notes on.

APPENDIX "N."

MATCH-MAKING.

(From Montreal Gazette—21st November, 1894.)

There is no country as well equipped for this business on a large scale as is Canada. It has for the purpose unrivalled supplies of wood best fitted for the industry and cheap; plentiful and cheap labour; unused water power at convenient points, with excellent lines of transportation inland as well as for foreign markets, such as South America, West Indies, Australia, Japan, China, England and the continent, and likely too could compete even in the United States with local manufacturers there. The magnitude of the business is hardly appreciated, and throughout the world involves a capital of over \$50,000,000. In France it is carried on by a concession to a company from the Government and is supervised by them, prices regulated, etc. The company in France has a capital of 45,000,000 francs, equal to \$9,000,000, and some 6,000 to 7,000 people are employed. In Austria it is a business even larger. Germany is also in the first rank, with Belgium, Norway and Sweden largely engaged in the business. In England two large companies do an enormous business, getting some of the needed material from Canada, but not the finished article; but in England there are yet imported \$1,500,000 of the finished goods that ought to come from Canada. In the United States the business is enormous, and it is dominated by the Diamond Match Company, of Akron, Ohio, with factories scattered over the entire United States and owning large tracks of standing pine so as to ensure supplies. Some idea of the extent of this company's business, which, from a few scattered concerns, has grown by consolidations and additions into its present proportions, may be formed from the fact that in the late autumn forest fires they had 90,000,000 feet of standing pine burned, and the fact that their last business statement showed a capital of \$9,000,000 invested, a surplus accumulated of \$1,100,000, while the market price of its immense capital is \$145 to \$147 per share of \$100 paid, and it is reported that its present year's earnings, in hard times, exceed the previous year by \$1,000,000. All this should be satisfactory evidence of the lucrativeness of the business, which is further confirmed by a recent press despatch that the president, Mr. Barber, considered one of the magnates of business interests in the United States, is about to sail for Liverpool, England, to build the largest factory for that business in the world, and further, that Edwin Gould, son of the late Jay Gould, together with his brothers and associates, have organized a new and large company to engage in the business. Surely all this should tend to encourage and stimulate the growth in Canada of a business for which the country is peculiarly adapted, and which in every way shows exceptional prosperity, and if by means thereof there could be added to Canada's trade an increase in another finished article in place of furnishing cheap new material for others to build industries of finished products and furnishing thereby employment it would be the development of one of many other industries that could be named.