

## Life in the Lumber Regions

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Excepting that of the sailor, probably no other occupation so strongly expresses itself upon those who do it as that of lumberman. A lumberman, capable of exerting immense strength, and of wonderful endurance, is, in his camp, a most hospitable and genial person. When he leaves his camp for the settlements, he is apt to be rather too boisterous to be a agreeable companion. The picturesque figure of the lumberman, usually dressed in red and blue flannel, with a profusion of white buttons and shod with boots, the soles of which are studded with sharp points of iron, is mainly disappeared from "dixie" when the western towns. Indeed, if one were to join a period of life in the lumber regions, he will be more likely to find it in perfection in the vicinity of the lumber camps.

the Superior and other waterways, than on the head waters of the Penobscot and other streams. Lumbering requires only experience, but executives need good judgment. The very first step is "prospecting." Before a logging-camp is established, the location must be carefully selected; not only must there be the right kind of trees, but there must be facilities for removing the timber. There must be a way to haul away the logs, and there must be sufficient water to float them. Then, when the selection of a site has been made, an advance party goes to the place in autumn, to make preparations for one or more log-houses being put up for the men, and a shelter, or "bunkhouse," for the cattle and horses. Next a quantity as possible of wild grasses on the marshes and swamps are cut and converted into coarse hay for the oxen. An abundance of food is provided, to be accessible in

deep snows, and proper provisions made for water for both men and beasts. It is a part of the duty of an advance party to so prepare new roads, that a fall of snow will

At last, when the travel will be the main party, with oxen, heavy sleds, abundant provisions, and the men who are to spend the winter in the camp, arrive. The main building is that usually in the center when "the camp" is mentioned. It is sometimes merely a large house, with a long opening in the front and door at one side. The floor is the center, a raised platform of earth, four, six, or eight feet high. When a fire is built, the smoke escapes through the hole in the roof. As the walls, usually upon two levels, are placed the bunks, with the feet of the sleepers toward the rear, the number of men requires a second tier of bunks is made above the first. A bed, such as a lumberman can make from small hemlock, is not to be despised by a

laborate, a fireplace with a chimney occupies one end of the house, and large glazed windows make the night in stormy weather.

Sometimes a family, including women, will go into the camp and live out separate but thorough and active labor in the clear air of the woods. The lumberer's appetites must be met by abundant and nutritious food—hence the cook—or "doctor," as he is sometimes called, is an important man. One who has tasted the standard dish, "Pork and Beans," as cooked in a hole in the ground in a lumber-camp, has something to learn.

**Select the Seed Now,**

A little later in the season will be much hurry to do the pro-

work, and any labor like that selecting the needed seed for sowing and planting, should be delayed. It is important that the best seed be sown, and to this much attention should be given. A great many weeds are unintentionally sown with the various field and garden seeds. The number of weeds sometimes sold with that of clover is very large. In this way European weeds have been introduced into the Western States. It is not an easy matter to detect some of these weeds, and therefore the farmer must where he feels certain that pure seed is sold. The seed must be of the best varieties, plump, sound, and free from "foot-stuff." Every farmer now see that such seed is at hand when seed time comes.

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