BAND RESAWS.

A few months ago a correspondent asked in these columns for some information in regard to 8-inch resaws. I happen to be taking care of just such saws this season in connection with a band log mill, writes J. S. Phillipi, in The Wood-Worker. The maximum feed with which the mill is equipped is 4 inches to the revolution of saw. You can figure what feed that is per minute, taking a maximum tooth travel of 8,000 feet and length of saw as 31 fcet.

The stock we resaw comes from a band and a circular, generally in planks 23% inches thick, and runs in widths from 40 inches down. It will be seen from this that with a 4-inch feed each tooth (134-inch space) cuts a little less than 1-50-inch. This, to my notion, is not nearly enough feed on stock, especially from 16-inch down, on which I think my saws would stand up to from 75 to 150 per cent. more.

In regard to the width of lap, etc., of which he inquires, that matter has heretofore been well discussed here. However, in my practice right at the present time on these saws, I

make a lap ranging from 7-16 to 1/2-inch, generally nearer the former than the latter. I find' old saws here of 17-gage with laps 34 inch wide, which is 1/8-inch wider than I make on 14-gage saws. I certainly prefer the narrow lap. The proper size brazing tongs for this gage is about 5/8x1 or 11/8 inches.

In regard to his question about the crown in back of saw, there has been quite a change of opinion and practice in the last ten years. If the teachings of filers at that day were unquestionably correct, then such a thing as a double-cutting band would never have been invented, nor could they be a success. Fortunately, band filers and band saw mill men are progressive and not dependent on the traditions of the past.

I can easily recall the time when I was told of a certain filer who put up his saws "straight" (no reference here to the late circular controversy). I was told that his saws went well, and I immediately asked if they might not go better if they had crown in back. But at the present time, the only objection I have to a straight back is this: A single cut-

ting saw that is fitted this way will not be straight any longer after the first run of a fr hours. The concave in saw at this time, d course, will be so little that it may not be pos sible to discover it. But a saw is all the time stretching more on tooth edge than on but so it is certainly only a matter of a short line until it will be concave or sway-backed, Will I can find no good objection to a straight back the sway or concave back I would not regul as a desirable condition. Therefore, 1 prefer to fit them with crown back, say about 1-16 inch in 8 or 10 feet. In this condition the can be tensioned several times before they be come concave. Furthermore, with the system of work I use, it is quite as easy to & saws crowning as straight, and as easy to kin the back even.

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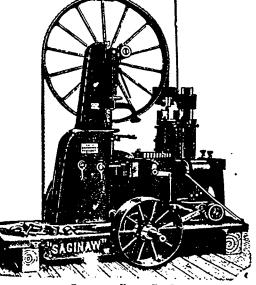
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