

CHIPS.

As substitutes for rock elm, hickory or maple in the manufacture of bicycle rims, it is claimed that pecan and persimmon could be used to best advantage. Either of these latter varieties are found in abundance at many points in the south.

A concern in Grand Rapids, Mich., will make this year 288,000 base ball bats, which is more than was ever made by them in one year except in 1889, when 316,800 were manufactured. The best bats are made of good white oak, ordinary ones of common white ash. Boys bats are made of poplar, maple and basswood.

The construction of the Nicaragua Canal will require many million feet of cypress and yellow pine timber. The Pacific Coast lumber mills expect to furnish fir and cedar for part of the work, but the fact that the southern mills are 2,000 miles nearer the canal than the saw mills of Washington and Oregon will enable the former to make the cheaper delivery.

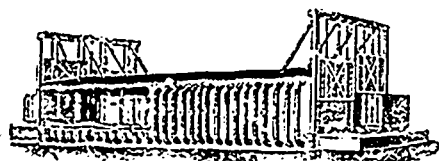
The spool wood industry, which is yet in its infancy in New Brunswick, makes a good showing this year, when 3,749,374 sup. ft. were shipped to Great Britain. Of this amount Clark, Skilling & Co. sent 2,577,137 sup. ft.; W. M. McKay, 653,146 sup. ft., and James Alton 519,693 sup. ft. The palings shipped amounted to 322,610 pieces, and all but 14,250 pieces went to Great Britain and Ireland.

Beech, it is said, will make excellent flooring, if free from sap, and will wear well. The wood is subject to dry rot in the growth, but good sound beech will make a good flooring, particularly for factory purposes. Maple flooring did not attain any great popularity until the innovation of roller skating, when maple floors were considered the only thing suitable for a rink. Beech will need to be worked up in some such manner.

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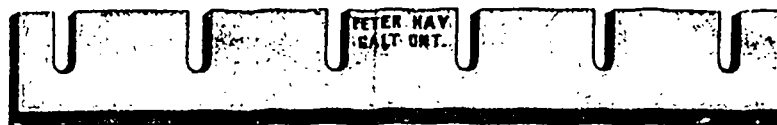
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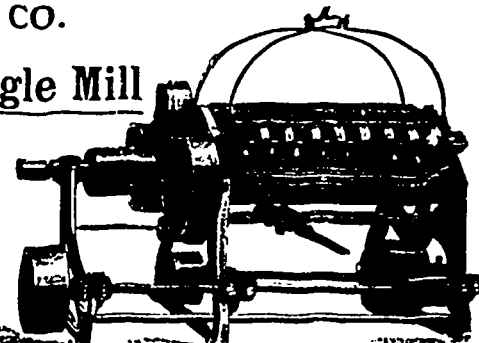
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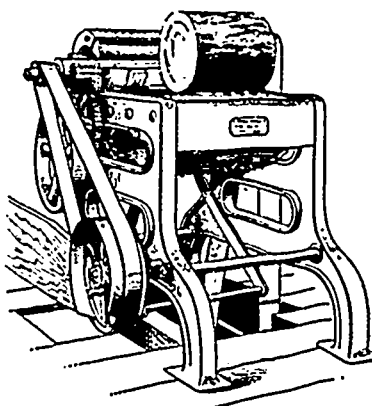
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