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Restoring the Forests

About one-seventh of the entire area of Denmark has undergone reforestation since 1866, and in another generation the entire region known as the heath will probably have disappeared, unless a portion of it is preserved as an example of what was for centuries a characteristic feature of the country, according to William Hovgaard, who writes on the reforestation of Denmark in the September of America's Forestry. Forestry is likewise restoring the Karst, Austria, to its old-time productivity.

According to this authority, the Jutland peninsula, the continental portion of Denmark, was covered in olden times with primeval forests, but the reckless treatment of these valuable growths by the population had by the year 1500 transformed the region largely into a barren black heath and sand dunes. Such was the charge wrought in the conditions of life in the country that by the middle of the eighteenth century a scant population was left on the long, narrow meadows that lay along the watercourses which ran through the heath, and these meadows were gradually being added to the heath area, as the streams cut their channels deeper into the valleys thereby lowering the water level. In 1805, an act was passed for the preservation of the remaining forests. During the 100 years beginning about 1750 attempts at reforestation of the heath were largely made, with the support of the Government. The almost universal result was, however, that the trees in a few years exhausted the resources of the soil for tree growth, and only where there was comparatively rich soil did they grow up. By the year 1866 but very little successful reforestation had been carried out. One fifth the area of the kingdom was in a desert condition.

At this point the cause was taken up by Col. E. Dalgas, an engineer officer of the Danish army, a man of rare ability, energy and enthusiasm. It was plain to him that the undertaking could not be made immediately profitable, and that it would have to be undertaken as a patriotic duty. Denmark has just lost the Schleswig-Holstein provinces and this gave an impetus to an undertaking to reclaim a large fraction of the realm. Interest was aroused, and in 1866 the Danish meath Society was organized and the Government gave a small subsidy for launching the work increasing it the following year. Private subscriptions also swelled the funds.

Spruce has been planted in the earlier attempts at reforestation, but had seldom attained creditable growth. A special research developed the fact that the mountain fir of Central Europe was the tree suited to heath conditions. It was soon discovered also that the spruce grew better if planted in the vicinity of this fir. Accordingly a new system of planting was developed, a mountain fir being placed for every one, two or three spruces as the case might warrant, the fir being cut after a certain growth had been attained, after which the spruce did well. The wood obtained from the fir is used either for fencing, charcoal burning or making tar. White spruce is the first to withstand the peninsula conditions, red spruce being planted later.

More than 100 Danish square miles the equivalent of 25,000 English square miles, have been reclaimed. The Government subsidy has now reached about \$130,000 a year and private subscriptions amount to about as much. The pheasants and farms have become interested in the cause and most farmers are now surrounded by trees. Land set out to woods

are now highly valued by their owners. The Heath Society makes a specialty of securing land on the heath from farmers at very cheap rates and undertakes the planting of the trees and their care, including the removing of the fir when it has served its purpose. The entire character of the country has changed. Deer abound in the large forests and wild birds of various kinds have made the country their habitat.

Cement Business in Good Hands

The well-known trade paper "Construction" is of the opinion that the merging of the cement interests is going to work out well from the view point of the general public. "When the cement merger was formed," says this paper, "the news was received with some misgivings. The incorporators, on the other hand, declared emphatically that there was absolutely no ground for any alarm, but that the merger had been formed only for the purpose of effecting economies in management, manufacture, sales and freights, together with the object of increasing the consumption of cement through a systematic educational campaign, as to where, how and when, cement may be profitably used. In addition to this, the merger frankly declared, that it proposed to bring to an end the ruinous competition, that up to the time of its birth, was eating the very vitals out of the industry. The merger, in this manner, committed itself to a constructive policy and disclaimed any intention to adopt any method or undertake any procedure that would demoralize the market either from the standpoint of the consumer or the independent manufacturer.

"One year has passed, and it is gratifying to note that the merger has made good its promises and kept faith with both consumer and independent manufacturer alike.

"The consumer will get his cement for 1910 at an average price of \$1.25 per barrel at the mill--a price lower than has heretofore prevailed in Canada, with the exception of the short interval during 1909, when cement was being sold below actual cost of production, a condition that could not continue for any length of time.

"As long as the cement interests continue to develop the industry along these lines, as long as their policy continues to be constructive, they are deserving of the good will and support of the Canadian building public.

Cordova Leather

(Harper's Weekly.)

Specimens of the leathers of Cordova, occasionally found among the hoards of antiquarians, bear witness to the rare art of ancient Spain. Cordova gave its name to the first shoes made wholly of leather, and from Cordova came the gilded, painted, and gilded hangings or tapestries of the twelfth century, seen in the Alhambra and in ancient palaces.

The leathers of Cordova were first boiled to a condition of soft pliability, and then worked in a dozen different ways. "Boiled leather," is mentioned in a song 120,000 verses long, written about the year 1190. Having soaked their skins in sheepskin, the ancient artisans tanned its surface with a sharp tool, like an engraver's stylus, and, having given it the look of soft piled velvet, they stamped or painted it, and used it in different ornamental ways. Then, as now, leather workers preferred a medium quality of calfskin or sheepskin, not too fine or too thick to be supple.

Modern cowhide refiners of the antique product tan their leather with tannic acid and sumac. The tannic acid is used is extracted from the bark of certain species of oak. Leather tanned with acetic takes all color dyes; but sumac gives a reddish rose and sumac-dyed skin is refractory to color dyes. As iron spots leather, the tools used by leather decorators are of polished brass or steel.

A Famous Palace

The palace in the Rue de Lille once owned by Empress Josephine's son, Eugene de Beauharnais, viceroy of Italy, ever since the battle of Waterloo has been the home of the Prussian representative on the banks of the Seine.

A Clean Man

Outside cleanliness is less than half the battle. A man may scrub himself a dozen times a day, and still be unclean. Good health means cleanliness not only outside, but inside. It means a clean stomach, clean bowels, clean blood, a clean liver, and new, clean, healthy tissues. The man who is clean in this way will look it and act it. He will work with energy and think clean, clear, healthy thoughts.

He will never be troubled with liver, lung, stomach or blood disorders. Dyspepsia and indigestion originate in unclean stomachs. Blood diseases are found where there is unclean blood. Consumption and bronchitis mean unclean lungs.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery prevents these diseases. It makes a man's insides clean and healthy. It cleans the digestive organs, makes pure, clean blood, and cleans, healthy flesh.

It restores tone to the nervous system, and cures nervous exhaustion and prostration. It contains no alcohol or habit-forming drugs. Constipation is the most unclean uncleanliness. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure it. They never gripe. Easy to take as candy.

Portugal and Spain. Expulsion of the Braganza family, the royal house from Portugal, abolition of the house of Peers, a body from which a hereditary passage was gradually disappearing, the right to appoint peers being left to the King, the suppression of all titles of nobility, and the closing up of many religious houses, mark the progress of the changes in Portugal. It is, however, still anxious times in the new republic. Many of the people seem to wish that Spain would also become a republic, and that the countries would unite.

A writer in the New York World says that Spain is in much better financial position than Portugal, and a new republic might have wisdom enough to wipe out the silly boundary and unite with Portugal in a self-governed and progressive Iberian nation of 25,000,000 people, with a land of splendid location and fine natural resources, larger than Germany or France. Some day this dream of the republicans will come beneficently true.--St. John Globe.

Mr. E. Tiffin and Mr. Frank P. Brady two members of the Board of Management of the Intercolonial Railway, were here Friday. Mr. Tiffin stated that the year that had closed was the most satisfactory from a business point of view in the history of the road. Not only had the line paid the cost of working expenses and hand it over a sum of \$460,000 to meet interest on capital, but a large and new equipment, locomotives and cars, had been purchased out of revenue. The road was thus in a better traffic. The drain of population from the Maritime Provinces to the west had not been so great this year as formerly and the business condition being generally healthy, people are travelling more. Since the acquisition of the Dominion Atlantic Railway by the C. P. R. a special investigation had been made into the value of certain other lines in the Maritime Provinces as feeders to the government system. Some of these would be of undoubted advantage to the system and a special report on the subject would be submitted to the Parliament, when the houses met, but it would be for Parliament to decide what action, or whether any nation should be taken.

Vegetation in Japan

It is estimated that in Japan there are no less than 2,750 different species of vegetation.

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