

SLABBING LOGS.

I saw lately in "Pertinent Queries" something in regard to slabbing logs. Now did it ever occur to you that there is such a thing as too light slabbing; for instance, take a 24-inch clear, straight log, 12 feet long:

A four-inch face for first cut at two-thirds value, which is about all four-inch stuff will ever bring, equals $2\frac{2}{3}$ feet. Allowing 19-16 for an inch board, which is about the usual band saw practice, and the next board will be 11 inches,

full value, equals 11 feet; next board 15 inches, full value, equals 15 feet, total, $28\frac{2}{3}$ feet, full value.

Next make six inch first face, full value, equals six feet; next, 12 inches second face, full value, equals 12 feet; leaving 15-16 on cant, $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, equals $12\frac{1}{4}$ feet, total, $30\frac{1}{4}$ feet.

Next make eight-inch first face, full value, equals eight feet; $12\frac{3}{4}$ -inch second face, full value, equals $12\frac{3}{4}$ feet, leaving 12-16 on cant, 16 inches wide, equals 10 feet, total $30\frac{3}{4}$ feet.

This shows a slight percentage in favor of the

wider face the first time. Now, I do not care how deep the sawyer goes the first time, provided he does not take a board off in the slab, and I am satisfied that a great many mill men are trying to get a lot of narrow strips by light slabbing when they would get just as much money out of the log and have better lath stock if they would go for a wider face the first time. Let anyone diagram this and see if I am not pretty nearly correct. -S. D. Albright, in Hardwood.

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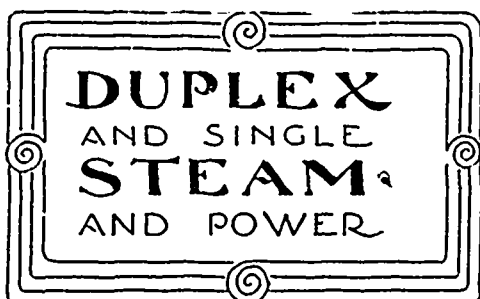
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