

The Limit of Tall Buildings.

The New York Mail and Express says:—Some concern is expressed by a Boston contemporary that air and light should be kept from other buildings by the immense structures which now rise 150 feet or more skyward in our city. It is not probable that any limit of the height of buildings to be erected in New York will ever be established. It ought to occur to every intelligent person that the lower stories of a tall building will suffer quite as much as surrounding structures from the effect of its towering height upon the air and light in the street below, and therefore builders will not rear their walls far enough heavenward to make them a nuisance. Manhattan island is so small that its surface is too valuable to be covered with low structures, and it would be folly to prescribe a limit for their height. The authorities need to adopt more rigid regulations as to the safety of immense buildings, but if any man thinks it would be profitable to build a structure 200 feet tall, he should be at liberty to undertake the enterprise, if he conforms to the law in making it safe. There is ample room within the city limits above the Harlem for those who dislike tall buildings, but people who remain on Manhattan island must accept them as inevitable.

Four Million Pails.

The pail and tub industry of Keene, N. H., consumes more timber than all others carried on in Cheshire county, says a contemporary. There are 40 pail and 30 tub lathes in operation in the county; each lathe turns out on an average 100,000 pails a year, consuming 450 cords of sapling, which gives a product of 4,000,000 pails from 18,000 cords of pine. The 20 tub and bucket lathes use a proportionately large quantity, and as great quantities of staves are sawed and sold for use outside the county, it is probable that 40,000 cords of sapling pines are cut every year. Besides much hardwood that is cut for manufacturing purposes, a vast quantity is used for fuel. Yet many competent judges think the yearly growth equals the amount cut and that there is as much growing wood and timber in the county as there was thirty years ago.

A Maniac Woodsman.

Not a little excitement was occasioned in Crystal Falls, Mich., recently, by the arrest of a Canadian named John Breen, an employee of the Kirby-Carpenter Lumber Company. He was uneasy and dissatisfied, and kept wandering from camp to camp, showing signs of insanity, and finally becoming so violent and dangerous that it was deemed best to arrest him. With a maniac's strength he wrenched the iron bars from the lock-up windows and escaped. He was recaptured, and placed in an inner cell, but he tore the door from its hinges, and it was only with the utmost difficulty that he was finally restrained.

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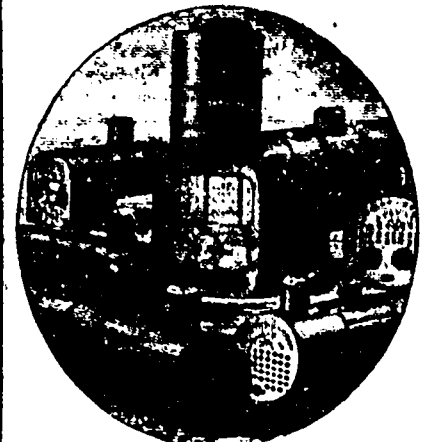
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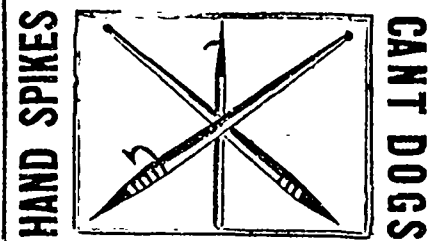
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