

## Chips.

FOREST fires lately prevailed at Woodstock, Big Indian, Mount Pleasant, and other points in the Catskill mountains, N. Y.

THE Rainy Lake Lumber Company, at Rat Portage, Algoma, Ont., has its new machinery in shape, plenty of logs, and will make a large cut this season.

THE new town that is growing up about the plant of the Harman Lumber Company, on the Sturgeon, above Escanaba, Mich., has been named Forest City.

THE Lake Michigan & Lake Superior Transportation Company has contracted to carry 3,000,000 feet of lumber from Ashland, Wis., to Chicago, this summer.

A NEW YORK state paper says that lumbermen on the north branch of the Saranac river, that state, are hiring men to protect their timber tracts from forest fires.

A LOG 24 feet long, hauled at Blackman Brothers' camp, at Pilschuck, Snohomish county, W. T., measured six feet eight inches in diameter at the small end. The stump was eight feet across the top.

FIRE in the woods of Sugar valley, and in the White Deer mountain region, Pa., had, on May 23rd, swept over 25 square miles of territory, destroying timber, ties and fence rails to an estimated value of 1,000,000.

THE forest fires about Newberry, on the Detroit, Mackinac & Marquette railroad, upper peninsula, Mich., were on fire, May 21st, Dollarville was reported destroyed, and eight houses in the vicinity of Newberry.

ON May 21st forest fires were reported to the north and west of East Tawas, Mich. Fires south of the Detroit, Bay City and Alpen railroad were destroying a large amount of pine, and burning everything on the ground, including down timber and logs on the skids.

REPORTS from various parts of the eastern townships, Quebec, indicate that the recent rains have been a great boon to lumbermen, who would not otherwise have been able to float their logs to the mills this season in consequence of the hot weather in the early spring.

WHITE & FRIANT, of Grand Rapids, Mich., own a fine tract of cork pine 10 miles east of Kalkaska, Mich., and have been negotiating with parties there for a mill site. The matter has awakened much interest at Kalkaska, and the citizens offer the firm 40 acres of land if they will erect a mill on it.

THE total number of boiler explosions in the United States in 1884 was 162, by which 254 people were killed and 261 others injured. This number falls slightly below the preceding year. Fifty-six of the explosions were of saw mill boilers. The percentage of 1884 was 37 per cent. of all the explosions, instead of over forty per cent. the year before.

WORK on the Chignecto Marine railway to connect the Bay of Fundy to a point on the Straits of Northumberland, has been begun. This road is to be on the same plan as that of Ead's ship railway across the isthmus, and will obviate necessity of circumnavigating Nova Scotia in passing from the coast of New Brunswick into the ocean eastward. It will be 25 miles long, and will cost \$5,000,000.

MOUNTAIN fires had burned for a week previous to May 22nd, north of Stroudsburg, Monroe county, Pa., and the vicinity of Buskill. Great damage was reported to the lumber interests and to the farmers. A forest fire was also raging between Bangor and Pen Argyl. The fires on the Blue mountains, in the vicinity of Danielsville, Northampton county, which were partly subdued two weeks before by a rain storm, broke out afresh and were spreading rapidly, causing apprehension that a great deal of valuable timber would be destroyed.

### A TERRIBLE STORM.

CHICAGO, ILL., June 2.—A heavy storm of thunder and lightning, wind and rain struck the city this afternoon, lasting nearly an hour. Numerous buildings in the outskirts were struck and several demolished. John Montague, a watchman

for the McCormick reaper works, standing near a fire alarm box, received a shock, from the effects of which he died. A number of other persons were injured. Lightning struck the brick wall of the new baseball grounds, ten feet high, demolishing three hundred feet and badly shattering the rest. At Lake a man standing near the chimney had his skull fractured and a child was badly bruised in a shanty which a bolt struck and nearly annihilated. To-night the lightning is blinding, and rain falls in torrents. Apprehension is felt for the safety of vessels on the lake.

JUNE 3, 1 a.m.—Within the last hour and a half four more persons have been killed outright by lightning.

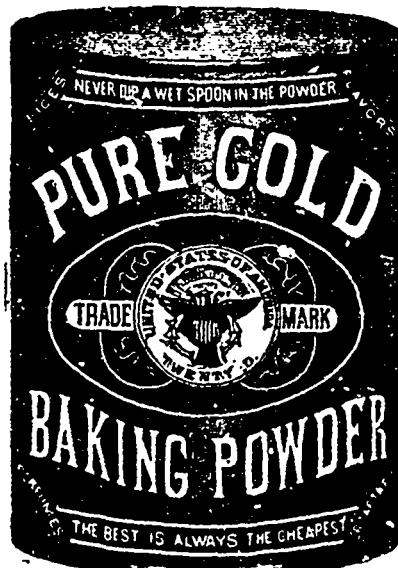
### Snapping and Bubbling in Boilers.

In cases of externally fired boilers, there is noticeable a snapping and bubbling sound at the bottom after pulling down the fires with a strong draught on, prior to blowing down. This is due to the "mud" (organic and inorganic substances) which has settled during the night, while the boiler was losing heat on the lower side, the water becoming comparatively quiet on the inside. The steam bubbles are made at the bottom, underneath the mass of mud, and, when sufficiently buoyant, come in contact with the colder water above and are condensed, forming a snapping noise in collapsing. The important fact involved is that this never occurs in a clean boiler with comparatively pure water. —Manufacturers' Gazette.

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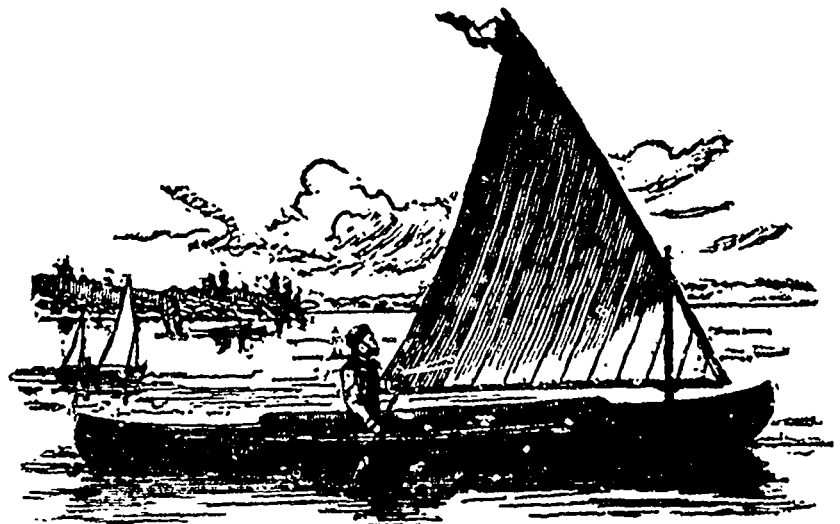
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