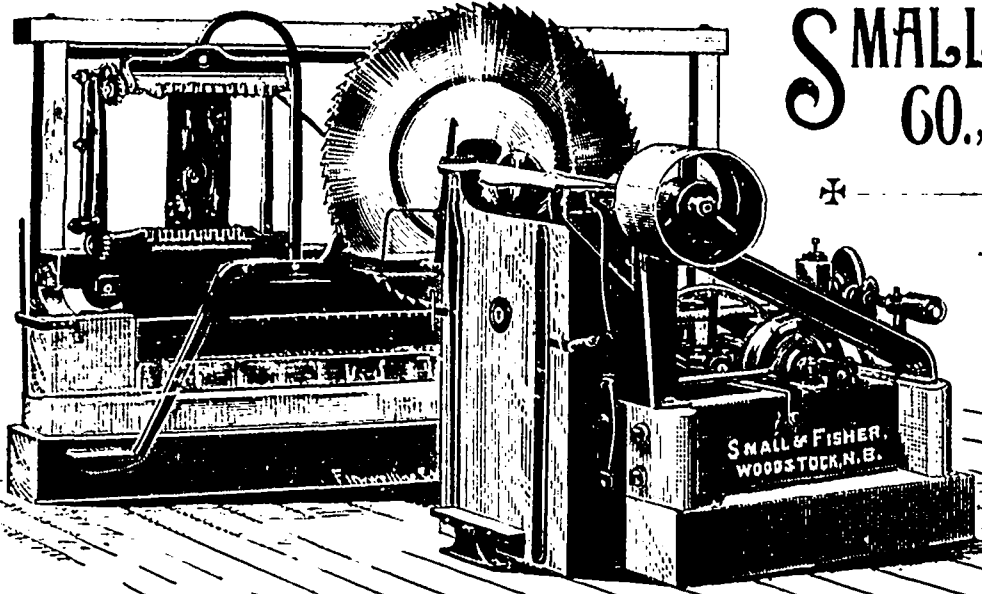


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THE Liverpool Timber News of the 30th January says: "We have heard of monster Californian and Kauri pine trees, but at least one in India is a giant even to those. It is a banyan tree. It would now be interesting to know which is really the largest banyan tree in India, since new ones are constantly being discovered that appear to dwarf the rest. Thus, a correspondent writes to a contemporary to claim that he has just discovered the biggest at Madhupur, on the E. I. railway, between Calcutta and Patna. According to him, the circumference is 440 yards and the extreme diameter 152 yards, whilst the area it covers is given as 9 bigahs 24 chittacks. The longest branch, not touching ground anywhere, is at the S. E. corner and measures 29 yards; and the longest branch of all, touching earth at more than one point, runs due east for 55 yards. The Timber News thinks the Yankee will have to stretch a point to beat this record."

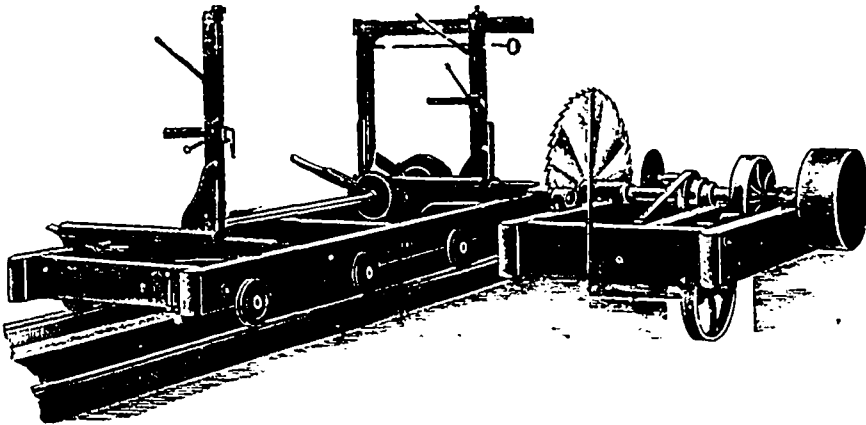


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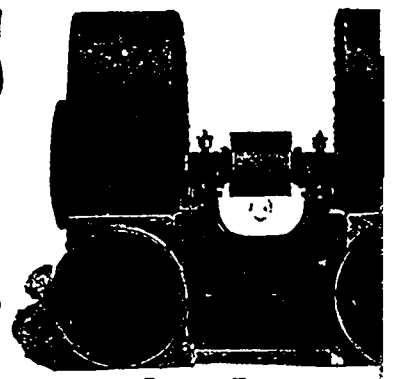
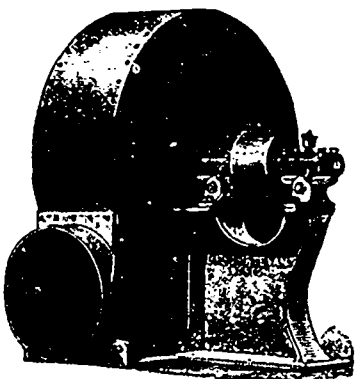
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