

TODAY.

Sure this world is full of trouble—
 I ain't said it ain't
 Lord! I've had enough, and double,
 Reason fer complaint.
 Rain an' storm have come to fret me,
 Skies were often gray;
 Thorns an' brambles have beset me
 On the road—but, say,
 Ain't it fine today!

What's the use of always weepin';
 Makin' trouble last?
 What's the use of always keepin'
 Thinkin' of the past?
 Each must have his tribulation,
 Water with his wine,
 Life it ain't no celebration.
 Trouble? I've had mine—
 But today is fine.

It's today thet I am livin'
 Not a month ago,
 Havin', losin', takin', givin',
 As time wills it so.
 Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
 Fell across the way:
 It may rain again tomorrow,
 It may rain—but, say,
 Ain't it fine today!

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SAWDUST BRIQUETTES.

A new industry may be successfully combined with the planing mills—that of making of the sawdust briquettes to be used for firing under the boilers, thus considerably decreasing the cost of the fuel to the mill owner. According to a note in a recent issue of the *Scientific American*, this is being very advantageously done in Germany. The sawdust is automatically gathered and conveyed to a place near the presses. From here it is carried over a heated belt-conveyor to a drying-room. This is a cylindrical revolving drum about two feet in diameter and twenty feet long. In this drum the sawdust is partially dried, the pitch contained in the wood is softened, acting hereafter as a binder. From here the sawdust is conveyed over an incline to the after-dryer of the same shape as the first dryer, which forms a part of the press. Here it is submitted to a higher temperature to drive off all the moisture, and kept running forward toward the end of the after-dryer by rotating paddles. At the end of this after-dryer, the sawdust falls through an opening into the trough of the press.

At the end of each pressing operation, which takes place about twenty-four times a minute, a briquette is made about $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches by $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch, weighing between one half and three quarters of a pound. From the press the briquettes are carried by another belt-conveyor to a cooling room, and are then ready for use.—
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