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**Postal Service at St. Kilda.**

The island of St. Kilda lies about fifty miles to the westward of Scotland, and it is without regular mail communication of any kind, the only connection being by means of an occasional trading steamer, which goes in spring and autumn to take off some of the products of the island.

When they wish to communicate with their friends in Scotland, or elsewhere, the St. Kildans are obliged to resort to a floating mail bag, which consists of a sheepskin buoy plugged with a piece of wood, and attached thereto a label on which is roughly cut the inscription, "St. Kilda Mail. Please Open." Inside the buoy is placed a tin canister containing the letters.

The last "mail" sent off from St. Kilda drifted to Shetland in two months and one day. It contained two letters and eight post cards, which were duly forwarded to their destination from Lerwick Post Office. The addresses on two of the post cards were almost obliterated through damp. The sum of one shilling was inclosed for postage of the missives. It appears that three similar "mails" were sent off from the island on the same day, but only one, so far as is known, has been picked up.

**Mine of Rainbow Wood.**

The collecting of rainbow wood is a comparatively new industry in Maine, says a correspondent from Bangor.

Though the dwellers along the sea-board have known for years that driftwood picked up from the salt water gave out iridescent tints when burned in open grates, they attached no value to the colorings of the flames until the rich summer visitors came down East and changed the picking of the driftwood from an occupation akin to idleness into a profitable calling.

For five years the whole coast line of Penobscot Bay has been scoured in quest of wood, and when the supply grew scarce and the prices advanced from \$10 to \$25 a cord a Boston chemist grew rich by inventing a powder which when burned with dry wood yielded colors nearly as bright as the genuine wood from the sea.

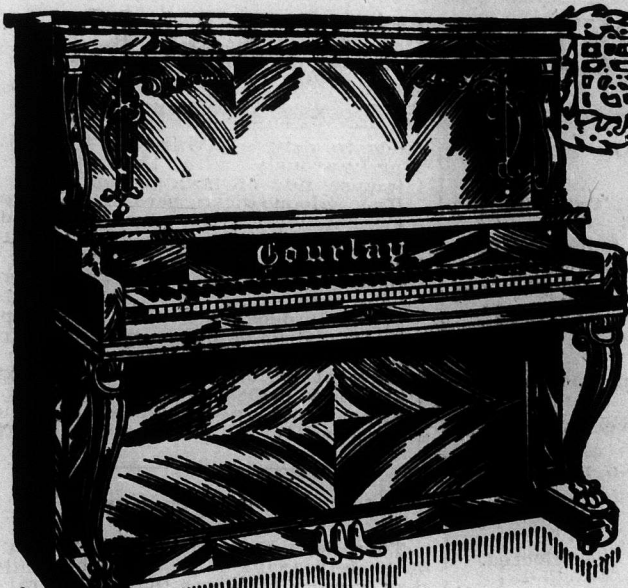
Last fall Emery Bowden, a farmer, who sold considerable driftwood in former years, went to the salt meadows at the foot of his field and began to dig a supply of muck. When he had excavated a hole about ten feet deep he came to a flooring of great pine trees, which had been embedded in the peat for ages.

The limbs had rotted away and the bark and sapwood had gone, but the dry heart of the trees was as sound as in life. Kindling a fire about a log of this wood Bowden found that it gave out very brilliant hues of indigo and green.

No sooner had he made this discovery than he stopped digging muck and went to mining rainbow wood. He loaded a schooner with cut wood and sent to his Boston patrons, who paid him \$22 a cord for the cargo and asked for more.

Since then Bowden has hired all the men who are willing to work, and is digging out the trunks in his buried forest and selling them at fancy figures. The deposit of pine trees lies between the clay subsoil and the overgrowth of peat, and is fully six feet in depth.

As the muck bed is more than a mile in area, Bowden believes he can sell a half million cords of wood from a forest that has been buried from view for many ages.



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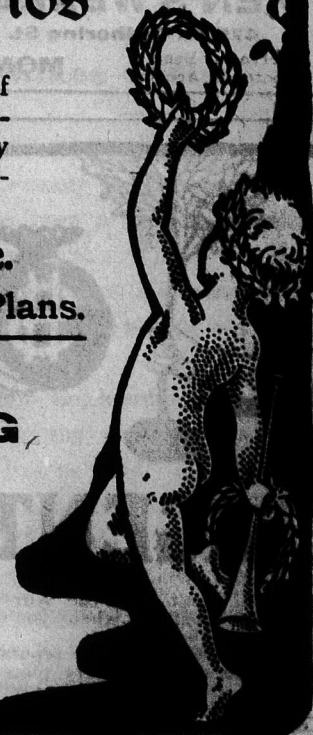
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