

**A TREELESS COUNTRY.**

"I had a dream which was not all a dream"  
A great State was a desert, and the land  
Lay bare and lifeless under sun and storm,  
Treeless and shelterless. Spring came and went,  
And came, but brought no joy; but in its stead  
The desolation of the ravening floods  
That leaped like wolves or wildcats from the hills  
And spread destruction over fruitful farms,  
Devouring as they went the works of man,  
And sweeping southward nature's kindly soil  
To choke the watercourses, worse than waste.

The forest trees that in the olden time—  
The people's glory and the poet's pride—  
Tempered the air and guarded well the earth,  
And under spreading boughs for ages kept  
Great reservoirs to hold the snow and rain,  
From which the moisture through the beaming year  
Flowed equally but freely—all were gone,  
Their priceless holes exchanged for petty cash,  
The cash had melted and had left no sign;  
The logger and the lumberman were dead;  
The axe had rusted out for lack of use;  
But all the endless evil they had done  
Was manifested upon the desert waste.

Dead springs no longer sparkled in the sun;  
Lost and forgotten brooks no longer laughed;  
Deserted mills mourned all their moveless wheels;  
The snow no longer covered as with wool  
Mountain and plain, but buried starving flocks  
In arctic drifts; in rivers and canals  
The vessels rotted idly on the mud  
Until the spring floods buried all their bones,  
Great cities that had thriven wondrously,  
Before the source of thrift was swept away,  
Faded and perished, as a plant will die  
With water banished from its roots and leaves;  
And men sat starving in the treeless waste,  
Beside their fruitless farms and empty marts,  
And wondered at the ways of Providence!

—N. Y. Sun.

**WOODS IN SURGERY.**

Wood is being employed scientifically in surgery in a different form from ordinary splints. A foreigner has introduced wood-wool as a cheap and useful dressing for wounds, and it is being prepared extensively as a commercial staple for surgical dressings. It is finely-ground wood, such as is extensively used in the manufacture of paper. It is a clean-looking, delicate-fibered, soft, yellowish white substance, having an odor of fresh wood, and absorbs an immense quantity of liquid. The best wood-wool was found to be that which was obtained from the *pinus picea*. The wood-wool thus procured was first pressed, passed through a sieve, then dried and impregnated with a solution containing 3 per cent. of sublimate and 10 per cent. of glycerine. The advantages claimed for this dressing are numerous. It is cleanly, fresh, and of a whitish color; it is at the same time soft and delicate in texture as cotton, and "extraordinarily cheap." The actual price is, however, not stated. It possesses some antiseptic properties naturally, has an agreeable odor, and is exceedingly elastic even in thin layers, so that bandages can be put on more lightly with this than with any other dressing. Its absorbent properties are so high that it takes up 12 times its own weight of water, so that 10 ounces of well-dried wood-wool after complete saturation attain a weight of 120 ounces.

**EFFECT OF A HURRICANE.**

A party of hunters who returned to Chatham last night brought very startling reports of the damage wrought by the recent gale in the forests in Chatham, this town, and in towns over the border in Maine. They saw tens of thousands of acres of valuable forest trees wholly destroyed. All of the old and a good deal of the new is practically destroyed. Where the timber is not broken it is so torn and matted in the debris as to be at least worthless. In many instances the homes of woodchoppers have been ruined and much suffering among them will ensue this winter. In confirmation of the above, J. E. Clay, representative to the legislature from Chatham and probably the largest owner of timber land in New England, telegraphs as follows: "Explorers just come in report that the havoc and destruction by the late hurricane are far worse than we had expected. The loss in Chatham alone will reach 100,000. It will take a century to fully restore our forests. The loss falls very seriously on the owners of lands, while the lumber business will be crippled for years."—Chicago Herald.

**THE PROSPECT.**

The season of lumber manufacturing is rapidly closing, and probably but few of the mills will be in operation after this week. There is nothing doing in the market, says Quiz of the *Saginaw Courier*, and there is considerable uncertainty as to the future of prices for the coarser grades, in view of the action that tariff agitators in congress threaten. Fully one-half of the Michigan members manifest a disposition to crush the lumber industry of the state by unwise legislation. Coarse lumber, at present prices, and a dull market, cannot be manufactured so as to leave a reasonable profit upon the capital invested, and if prices should be reduced a couple of dollars per M. feet, the coarser grades will be left to rot and burn up in the woods, hundreds of men will be forced to seek employment elsewhere, and the production will be confined to the best grades. Should there be no agitation tending to unsettle values, it is believed there will be a good winter trade, and manufacturers enabled to work off coarse stocks now piled upon the docks, inasmuch as the impression exists that the winter will be open and mild, in which event building operations will be carried on upon a scale more extensive than usual. The stocks in the Chicago yards are estimated to be 100,000,000 feet less than at this date last season, and a comparatively small proportion of it is dry. Trade at the east is reported good for the season. There is nothing worth relating doing in shingles in the valley. In the woods the weather continues favorable for cutting and skidding, but reports indicate that operators are not crowding matters. —Lumberman's Gazette

**The Best Time to Cut Timber.**

A correspondent of an Eastern journal says: "For strength, beauty and durability, I have found August, September and October the best and February, March and April the worst months to cut wood. A red maple, cut in September, will keep in a round log perfectly white and sound until the next August; while one cut in March will begin to blacken and decay by the middle or last of June. This is not copied from any scientific work, but is what I have found to be a fact by many practical tests. Gray birch cut in September will keep in a good condition until the next September if left in the woods cut in four-foot lengths; while if cut in 7" arch and left in the same way it will be nearly worthless by the first of August, at least such is the result on my land. White pine like red maple, keeps white much longer if cut in September than if cut in March, and is not injured by the worms as much. I have found that wood dried slowly in a low, cool place is better than dried quickly in the hot sun, even though cut in summer. May this not in a measure account for wood being better cut in autumn, it having the long cold winter to dry in?"

**Advice to Mothers.**

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**Railway Ties for France.**

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UNITED STATES Minister Foote says that Corea, Asia, is fairly wooded, and the government exercises much care in maintaining the forests. In the north there are large forests of timber.

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