SPRUCE IN ENGLAND. "There has occurred no change yet in the market for spruce deals," may be taken to mean this much; that so long as the present shortage exists importers of spruce will be reducing their stocks. With many it is said that this reduc-tion has nearly approached its lowest limits. It is certain that the stocks of spruce new held by nearly all the inland merchants must have reached a low state. If no heavy arrivals come into the west coast ports during the next menth or so, we shall, in all probability, see the occurrences of an active demand and a limited supply facing each other. The result of this can hardly be otherwise than that prices will be again forced upwards. Lower port deals especially may be expected to be dearer, as, if for no other reason, it will be largely for this sort that an active demand may be anticipated to arise. But there are other well-known ressons for the supposition that lower port deals will be more than proportionately dear. Of course, sooner or Inter, the reqirements of the market will be met, and plenty of apruce deals will reach this aids. But what proportions will the forthcoming supply assume? is the all-important question of the moment. Probably four-fifths of the spruce buyers inland are "in the market" for stock at this moment, and the number of buyers who are "open to buy," naturally enough, increases

### RESTORING FORESTS.

every day .- Timber Trades Journal.

It has been urged that the native pine forests in New England may easily be restored to a dignified importance by a systematic effort. All over this region are found great tracts of light soil, on plain and hillside, that is not worth cultivating for farm products, but which can be made available for pine-growing. Experiments recently made on the Shaker settlement in Enfield, Conn., have had gratifying results, seed planted in sandy soil in 1869 having produced a dense growth of trees that are now 12 to 16 feet If there are conditions under which the growing of forests can result practically it is in such sections as that described above. Where the land is naturally adapted to the growth of timber more than for other purposes, it is strange that efforts in the direction of tree-growing were not made earlier, so that results could have been had at a time when they would be the most accoptable.-Lumberman's Gazette.

### WOOD STAIRS.

Herr Leo, pharmacist, of Benshein, Germany, recommends the following stains for cak, pine beech, poplar, etc.

1. Yellow stain.-Wash over with a hot, concentrated solution of pieric seid, and when dry polish the wood.

2. Ebony black.-Wash with a concentrated aqueous solution of extract of logwood several times, then with a solution of acetate of iron of 14 degrees, Raume, which is repeated until a deep black is produced.
3. Gray.—One part of nitrate of silver dissol

ved in 50 parts of distilled water; wash over twice, then with hydrochloric acid, and afterwards with water of ammonia. The wood is allowed to dry in the dark, and then finished in oil and polished.

4. Light walnut.-Dissolve one part of permanganate of potassium in 30 parts of pure water, and apply twice in succession, and after an interval of five minutes wash with clean water, and when dry oil and polish.

5. Dark walnut.-Same as for light walnut, but after the washing with water the darker veins are made more prominent with a solution of acctate of iron.

6. Dark mahogany,-Introduce into a bottle 15 grains alkanet root, 30 grains aloes, 30 grains powdered dragon's blood, 500 grains 95 per cent alcohol, closing the mouth of the bottle with a piece of bladder, keeping it in a warm place for 3 or 4 days, with occasional shaking; then filtering the liquid. The wood is first mordanted with nitric scid, and when dry washed with the stain once or oftener, according to the desired shade; then the wood is dried, oiled and polished.

7. Light mahogany.—Same as dark maliogany, but the stain being only applied once. The veins of true mahogany may be imitated by the use of soctateof iron skillfully applied.

### A Sensible Belinition of Forestry.

N 'arnhard E. Fernow, of Slatington, Pa., define. orestry as follows:-"As the idea connected with the term forcet is vague and undefined, I am decirous to clear the conception of what may or ought to be called a forest. When we speak of a forest in connection with the science of forestry, we do not mean a mere collection of trees, a wood, or a park, a plantation, but an aggregate of trees or woodlands which are intended and so act saids for the production of timber or lumber. If we speak of planting and cultivating forcets, we do not mean the laying out of parks or groves, which have a very different object in view, which present very different conditions of tree growth, and require, in consequence, very different methods of culture. Forestry has nothing to do with the planting of fruit or - mental trees, nor, inst as agriculture does deed, with single tre not consider the individual wheat plant. The object of forestry is a financial effect, which is represented by the highest rent from the soil through the cultivation of the same for timber growth .- Northwestern Lumberman.

### Laid on the Shelf.

Mr. Thos. Claydon, Shelburne, Ont., writes:
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### LIVERPOOL STOCKS.

We take from the Timber Trades Journal the following Comparative Table showing Stock of Timber and Deals in Liverpool on Sept. 31st, 1881 and 1882, and also the Consumption for the month of Oct., 1881 and 1882 -

			i			Consumption	Consumption
•	Stock, Oct.	Siet.	Stock,	UCL	3 ist	for the month of	Vor the month of
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Quebec Square Pinc	. 377,000	ft.	400	.000	* `		
Waney Board	340,000			.000		405,000 ft.	345,000 ft.
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Other Ports Pine	. 52,000			000		10,000 "	20,000 "
Red Pino	60,000			000		9,000 "	8,000 "
Pitch Pine, hown	769,000		619	000	**	127,000 "	159,000 "
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Dantzig, &c., Fir	47,000			000		35,000 "	27,000 "
Sweden and Norway Fir			5,	000	**	2,000 "	_
Oak, Canadian	. 357,000		410,	000	•	51,000 "	131,000 "
Planks.	. 86,000			001		53,000 **	33,000 **
"Baltic	45,000		68,	000	•	3,000 "	4,000 "
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Birch	54,000	: !		000		36,000 **	59,000 44
Fast India Teak	84,000			900		19,000 "	2,000 "
Greenheart				000 4		2,000 "	5,000 **
N. B. & N. S. Spruce Deals	. 13,154		16,	976	tda.	6,882 atds.	8,978 slds
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