

comfort about wood that gives it a definite place in our affections that steel could never win from us. The varying grains of wood give them a character, almost a personality, of their own, around which we can weave stories of fact and fancy as we will.

Many regard trees as actual friends and feel their loss keenly if circumstances remove them from the presence of their beauty, strength and shelter.

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The numberless objects of use and

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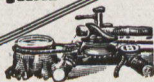
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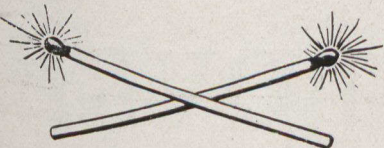
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