

few times would replace it. One painter who had painted the roof of his own house, when questioned, used good logic from his standpoint. He thought that painting a roof would add somewhat to its length of life. "You see," he said, "that I have painted mine. I do for myself what I desire to do for others. If I did not, the influence would be bad."

#### SHIPPING AMERICAN GRANITE TO ENGLAND.

It is announced that a shipment of Maine granite is to be made at once to England. This is like "taking coals to Newcastle," for Aberdeen, the "Granite City," has long been recognized as the granite centre of the world, and has completely dominated the entire English market. In recent years there has been some importations of Swedish and Russian granites into England, but this has been for monumental and decorative purposes, because of the rich colours of the northern granites.

The shipment of the American granite will be the joint venture of Mr. John L. Goss, owner of the extensive quarries on Crotch and Moose Islands, Stonington, and Mr. W. S. White, manager of Booth Bros. and Hurricane Island Granite Company. These gentlemen have given a careful study of the subject, and a man was sent to England and Scotland some months ago to look the field over and report upon the feasibility of the scheme. As everything looked propitious, the shipment will be made at once. This will be

the first cargo of building granite ever sent from the United States to a European port. It will consist of from two to three thousand tons, and will be equally divided between the Crotch Island and the Hurricane Island granites.

Did you ever make a water or eave trough of a stick of timber, say 4 x 4 or 6 x 6? If you did, have you thought of the probable effect of the weather on it in its exposed situations? If it is made right and of heart timber, it will outlast most of the metal gutters made of tin or of light galvanized iron. But if it is made so that the wrong side of the grain is left on the work, it would be better to leave the timber for some other purpose in which the grain of the timber would offer no objections. On an order of five pieces, in a New York mill, three of these sticks were

sawed with the grain on the heart corner in the stick, while the other two were sawed to take out the heart grain, leaving the long grain of the sap side to hold piece together and resist the action of weather. This was only an accident, the man that sawed the sticks did not pay any attention to the grain nor did he seem to think that it made any difference. There is not any difference in the amount of work required to get out the piece in either way, but it means just the difference between success and failure as far as results are concerned.

An English sawyer sued his employers for \$300 damages for the loss of a portion of the second finger of his right hand. His claim of being incapacitated was not sustained, as he could not prove that his earning capacity was affected, and his refusal to accept the position offered him pending the settlement of the case, released the employer of liability for his employment.

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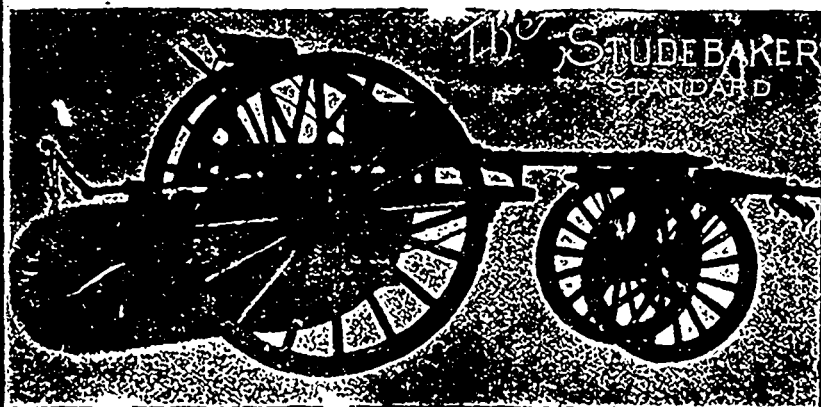
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