

THE DYING TREE.

Ah, it is saddening to see a beautiful and stately tree in process of decay; it took years to reach its height, and then there fell a deadly blight that ate its heart away. It seems to know it's in the soup, for all its leaves and branches droop, 'tis a despairing thing; and in the zephyr or the gale it seems to moan and sigh and wail, when it should dance and sing. There's nothing nobler than a tree, there's naught that more appeals to me, and oh, it makes me hot to think such stately things must die, because some derved old worm or fly has given it dry rot. And in our towns a million trees are dying of some punk disease imparted in that way; great elms that pleased our pas and mas are crumbling to the ground because such pests we do not slay. A little hustling out of doors might save the threatened sycamores, the locusts and the elms; so let us gird our loins today, and spray our friends the trees, and slay the worm that overwhelms. If you would sit supinely by and see a splendid shade tree die, and never lift a hand, if you would rise no doleful sound, when trees are dying all around, you surely should be canned.

WALT MASON.

Maine has installed twenty steel towers with look-out houses on top as part of the State forest protective system in the forest districts of the State.

A number of prominent citizens of Waterloo County have purchased a block of fifty acres of pine woods to prevent it being cut, as it is one of the few remaining pieces of forest in the county. Just how this can be made a public possession has not yet been decided.

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