A Brief Description of the Development and Usage of Wooden Stave Pipe

Although the first use of wooden pipe of the present day type is of comparatively recent date, bored logs were extensively used by our forefathers for carrying water under pressure. These log pipes, however, were made in small sizes, not exceeding four and five inches in diameter.

Soon the increased demands of civilization called for larger conduits, and longer pipe lines to reach up into the mountains to the source of greater, purer supply.

Necessity, therefore, developed the type of wooden pipe now being built, known as "continuous stave pipe," which is widely used in irrigation, penstocks for hydro-electric developments and municipal water supply, and is built in sizes from ten inches to ten feet, and more, in diameter.