

four years, and I know. I kept old Jack Johnson for two years and a half, but I got rid of him. I wouldn't keep a wild goose or a gander around the premises after he had lost his sweetheart; they just keep on honking in that sad way. But the poorest-principled piece of live flesh in feathers is th' drake; he is nothing but a Brigham Young, that's all. Puts me in mind of the mother who has to be father and mother both, like some poor washwoman who goes out and does \$5 worth of work and willingly accepts 50 cents for it; then takes it home to feed her family, while the lazy, good-for-nothing husband is putting in his time in the far end of nowhere, swapping garbage stories and passing remarks about the clean people that pass the dirty window. That is the principle of the drake.

MONEY FROM STUMPS.

The Washington Legislature is being asked, through the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, to establish a by-product plant, to be used for the extraction of turpentine, resin, etc., from the stumps, fallen timber and such stuff lying throughout the state. It is expected that the lumbermen of Idaho will also endeavor to have such a plan adopted by their State Legislature.

NOVA SCOTIA'S GAIN.

That the business welfare of Nova Scotia calls for the appointment of a Provincial Forester, is a truth that has had many exponents. Mr. D. Macgillivray, President of the Halifax Board of Trade, said recently in his annual address:

"In the transition from war conditions to those of peace, Nova Scotia will have less to reconstruct, or even to readjust, than probably any other portion of Canada. This strong economic position will justify progressive policy on the part of both Government and municipalities. There is a point where caution and economy may become reactionary. The Government should match its progressive policy in agriculture by at once appointing a first class forester to make the most of our timber resources."

The tallest trees of the United States are the California redwoods or the Douglas fir. Both claim the distinction of being the tallest, and it is an even match between them. A maximum of about 350 feet is the greatest, though a little more than that has been claimed. There is no question that in trunk diameter the redwood, that species known as sequoia, is the champion.

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