

(or Larch) and Cedar, both red and white, and many other varieties which I have not enumerated, are now yielding a return to the manufacturer (or lumberer), which could not have been even imagined some five years since, so greatly has the demand increased, and with it the facility of supply. It is a most happy circumstance for us, that in the State of New York, and the New England States, there is a very short supply of timber, and the inhabitants of those States are depending almost solely upon Canada for the immense quantities which their "go-a-head" building propensities are constantly absorbing.

I shall not attempt to give any "generic" description of our giants of the forest; most of them are now pretty well known, at least by timber merchants. Our Pine, Elm, Oak, Ash, &c. have been long known, and the more ornamental woods, such as the Black Walnut, Butternut, the Bird's-Eye and Curled Maples, &c. are now rapidly becoming favourites for cabinet and ornamental work.

*The Oak.*—Of this we have several varieties, but the White Oak (*Quercus alba*) is the most valuable for general purposes; extensively used for ship-building and wheelwright's work. The wood of the others is not so valuable, but the bark is used for tanning.

*The Maple.*—Besides the two varieties named, the Curled and Bird's-Eye, we have the Sugar Maple