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MINING TIMBER.

Prehistorio Trees Under th Earth's Surface.

You know all about mining, or, at least, you know the sort of things that are obtained from the depths of the earth, such as gold, iron, coal, salt and when the mining of white cedar was one of the most important industries

Those who delved in the swampy earth in pursuit of the great and perfectly preserved logs were not compelled to dig deep pits, for the trunks of those prehistoric trees were seldom more than fifteen feet below the surface. Many of the logs were as much as six feet in diameter, and one was found with 1.080 annual rings. Beneath this tree, which had flourished in its native forest for more than a thousand years, there was dug up another tree of an even earlier forest with more than 500

New Jersey is by no means the only state in the Union or the only part of the world where prehistoric trees are to be found so perfectly preserved that even their characteristic odor is retained. Near Salem, O., a large quantity of timber was dug up at a depth of forty feet, the trees incased in a thick layer of glacial mud, and it is nothing uncommon in eastern Michigan for the diggers of wells to encounter tree trunks sixty feet down in the soft earth. The wood thus obtained is the best wood to be had, especially for fine cabinet work. In Germany it has long been the custom to dredge the deep bed of the Rhine for ancient logs, out of which the cases of the finest toned pl anos are constructed.-Exchange.

How to Free the Place of Rats. "When I was a boy our farm was alive with rats," a contributor tells in

Farm and Fireside. "We noticed the rats were eating the grain and drinking the water of a sitting ben in a corner of the barn. So when the hen hatched and was moved we put strychnine in the water and and the second nineteen.

get no of rats is to make them ac- your back to the fire." customed to drink at one place and then poison the water."

The Real Acme. ardent lover, "is to marry the woman you love."

"There's something in that," sponded the old married man, "but the main point is to love the woman you marry."-Louisville Courier-Jour-

A woman nowadays is only as old as ber clothes.-Mrs. John Lane.

HUMOR AS A WORLD FORCE.

imagination and contemplation, those who create, who give, have the gift of gifted with humor were Abraham Lincoln. Disraeli, Goethe and Heine, the late Lord Salisbury, Arthur Balfour, Dickens, Thackeray, Fielding, Shakespeare, Queen Elizabeth, Henry VIII., Charles II., Dr. Johnson, Charles Lamb, Emerson and Byron.

"I could enlarge upon this theme un til your eyelids would no longer wag. But I will content myself with contrasting as typical examples of the yea and nay of humor two of the world's greatest men-Shakespeare and Napoleon, the arch creator and the arch destroyer.

"Shakespeare gave an abiding joy one that will contribute to the happi ness, the education and the ennobling of mankind throughout the ages, "in states unborn and accents yet un known.' Napoleon, on the other hand, took from mankind millions of lives and set humanity wailing."-London

A Queer Diagnosis. A celebrated Dublin physician was

Sir Dominic Corrigan, who was as much famed for his brusqueness toward patients as for his skill. In the course of some reminiscences William Charles Scully told a story of the doctor which is quite well worth quoting. "I was taken to see him," says the writer, "several times, but he always treated me with the utmost kindness. However, a highly respectable maiden aunt of mine had a different experi- Herald. ence. She went to consult him. After sounding her-none too gently-and asking a few questions he gave a grunt the first night killed twenty-three rats and relapsed into silence. Then after a short pause of meditation he said. "Besides this a good many more -Well, ma'am, it's one of two thingswent away to die. The best way to either you drink or else you sit with

More Lovable.

Two peevish old dames were sent over to inspect a Red Cross hospital in "The acme of happiness," gushed the France. They came back and reported that a black cat was kept as a pet in the institute. The head of the hospital was written to about it and replied:

"The black cat is the Tommies' mascot, and they're fond of her-a lot fonder than they were of the two of cats you sent out here to inspect us." Chicago Herald.

There is a world of difference in the humor. Among those pre-eminently two attitudes. When the people of the cities get to saying "we" about their cities and counties, then they are going to clean house and take possession. Kansas City Star.

What the Knife Said.

"Some folks want funny inscription engraved on their sliver," said the wedding cakes are such mountainous brides cut her cake with a knife that was a present from her aunt. I guess not many of the guests got to read the inscription. If they had they would be talking about it yet. These knives are couldn't distinguish, apparently, be tween wedding and birthday cakes, for she made us engrave on the knife, 'May I serve thee well and often."-New York Press.

Passing of the Whale. The whale is passing and rapidly Modern means of destroying him have reduced his numbers until, comparatively speaking, only a few remain Ten years ago the whalers operating from the various Newfoundland stations made an annual catch of 1,500. Today a catch of 200 in a year is con sidered remarkable. The whale wi soon be extinct at that rate - Boston

Scientific Research. what is the professor up

ducting experiments to determine the exact velocity with which a man drops a bot potato." - Louisville Courier

Just a Lapse. Hokus-I actually caught Longbox relling the truth yesterday Pokus Wasn't be embarrassed? Hokus-Only momentarily. He immediately tried to He out of it.-Life.

Repetition Desired. fle-Dearest, this kiss tells you all have to say. Have you understood me? She-Oh, please say it again.-Boston Transcript.

OUR NAVEL ORANGES.

We Got Them From Brazil, Where

They Were First Cultivated. erside, Cal, who tells in the Journal of Heredity the results of an expen

Dorsett and Wilson Popence There are about 50,000 trees growing navel oranges at Bahia.

The navel orange was introduced into the United States in 1873 by Wil-Ham Saunders, borticulturist and landscape gardener of the patent office He got the American consul to send Mrs. L. C. Tibbetts of Riverside, Cal., bearing fruit. All the navel orange trees in California are their progeny. There are about 100,000 acres of this variety in that state, and about 10,000. 000 boxes are produced every year.

The navel orange cannot be grown from seed, as it contains no seed. is in California generally budded upon stocks from the Mission sweet seed ling orange.

THE SEVEN DAYS' KING.

Short and Tumultuous Career of Neapolitan Fisherman.

In 1647, when the kingdom of Na ples was under the grinding rule of Spain, a fisherman of Sorrento was stung to madness by the indignities offered his wife by Spanish officials because she had attempted to smuggle few handfuls of four. So furious was he that he tore down an edict that had just been posted by the authorities.

en and children, rallied around him. Forty years of Spanish oppression had made them frantic. They terrified the viceroy, resisted the soldiers successfully and killed many of the Spanish residents. They secured a revocation of oppressive edicts, the abolishment of oppressive taxes and full pardon for all who engaged in the insurrection.

The fisherman, whose name was Masantelo, was the leader in all this and became the idol of the people. He ruled Naples for seven days, but his success seems to have turned his head. He became dictatorial and oppressive and was put to death by the populace. Hence he is called the "seven days king "-Argonaut.

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