"We's" Are Absent in Northwoods Says Dan; Tells How of Lumbering

Editor's note: Accompany is the second article contributed by Dan W. Kohlsaat, team in which every man is the 'star;' Winnetka youth, who has spent the winter months in the lumber camps of northern Michigan. Dan is still in his "teens," if you please.

Camp 14.

Well friends:-

woods, not from a swivel chair. I also you have? assumed that you had been in the woods yourself. Since then I have been wondering whether I took too much for granted. Did I?

Did you ever wonder just how a log travels from tree to the mill? Speaking for the Bay de Noquet camps up in Northern Michigan, here's how!

First it is cut from the tree in either twenty foot lengths, then, if the sawer of sorrow. is a piece maker, (one who cuts at the rate of one cent per foot length) it must be counted and recorded by the "checker." It is then ready to start its trip.

Many Busy Hands

After the brush has been cleared away by the "swampers," a team hauls it away with what looks like an enlarged pair of ice tongs. This team hauls it to the road where it is loaded onto a sleigh by means of a horse "jammer" (derrick). The sleigh takes it to the landing, or clearing, at the track. Here it comes to the "scaler," who checks the number of board feet in it and records it. It is then loaded onto the cars with a steam "jammer." Then it is hauled to the mill to be sawed into lumber.

It is quite a complicated process, for every log must pass through at least eight pair of hands. Nevertheless it is the most efficient way possible in these swamps which prevent the use of steam skidders, and such time and labor savers.

As you can readily see, such a process to be effective requires team-work. Because of the mixture of the races, and the resultant animosity of the men towards one another, such co-operation is for the most part impossible. Instead of considering themselves as co-existent units in one body, each man is a self-dependent state. Just yesterday I mentioned to one of the teamsters that "we" weren't getting as many logs this week as last. No "We's" There

"We," he exclaimed; "we! who do you mean: I don't know any 'we's' around here!"

Consequently, 'we,' the cogs in the wheel of camp 14, are not doing as well as 'we' could if 'we' were to synchronize our actions. The men are like a football

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all working towards one goal, but each man for himself. Sad to say-every day, in every way, thing are not getting better and better!

Well, folks, there goes the dinner bell March 3, 1923. so I'll sign off and "chow down." By the way, in a letter to one of my Winnetka correspondents I mentioned my If I remember rightly, in my last let- having just eaten three pieces of mince ter I dwelt upon the change which has pie. He replied that I could keep my come upon the one time romantic pro- mince as he liked apple. The cook says fession of lumbering. Lumbering in the that there'll be both this noon. Which'll

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