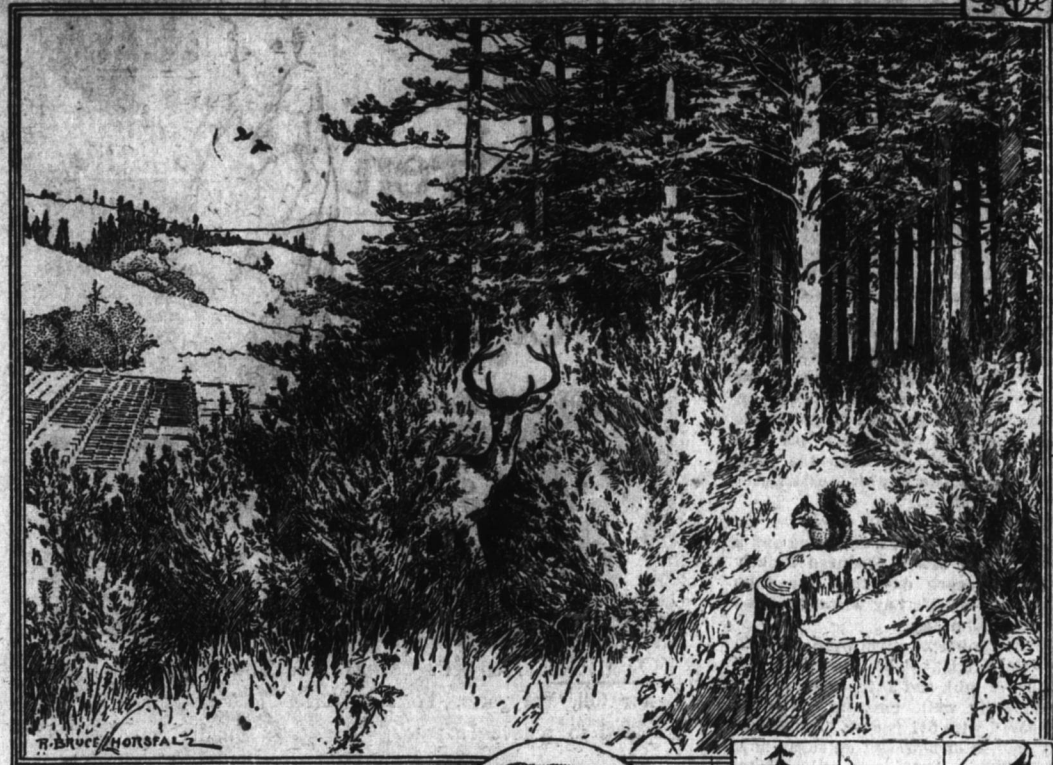


TOWN FORESTS



THEY ATTRACTS WILD LIFE Their Economic and Recreational Value

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

THE timber shortage in the United States which the experts have been predicting for many years, is no longer a theory, but a condition. Here's the situation: The original forest totaled 822,000,000 acres. There now remain 138,000,000 acres of virgin forest; 250,000,000 acres of second-growth or third-growth forest, much of it of poor quality and some of it of no present merchantable value, and 81,000,000 acres of burned and logged-over lands, idle, unproductive, and for the most part unfit for farming. Of the original forest there is left in area one-sixth and in bulk of timber less than one-third.

The northeastern states cut 55 per cent of the nation's output in 1850; in 1920 they cut 6 per cent. Five per cent was the output of the Pacific and Rocky mountain states in 1890; in 1920 it was 35 per cent and increasing. The regional shortage has marched across the continent. Today 75 per cent of the virgin growth and 60 per cent of all the usable wood are concentrated on one-fourth of the acreage of timber-producing land—in the states of the Rocky mountains and Pacific coast states.

The states from Wisconsin and Illinois east to the Atlantic seaboard consume 50 per cent of the national cut, the supply mostly coming from the South and Far West. The railroad haul from the South is about 1,200 miles, and from the Far West about 2,750 miles. The railroads carry annually in excess of 2,500,000 carloads of timber and wood products. The freight bill is between \$250,000,000 and \$300,000,000.

In the national forests in 1923 forest fires covered 373,214 acres; the timber and property loss is set at \$494,965,000, with intangible losses incalculable. Insect pests cause an annual loss in excess of \$100,000,000. The forest service expends more than \$2,000,000 a year for "fire protection and protection against insects and tree diseases."

Lumber prices have increased all out of proportion to a point where they obviously bear no relation to the cost of production and distribution. Per capita consumption has decreased in consequence, but this is offset by increase in population. Moreover, there is still a housing shortage, and 1925 is apt to set a new building record. The papermakers have their own separate and distinct problem, which they regard as even more serious. They have been using spruce, fir, hemlock and aspen and hope to be able to use birch, beech, maple and other woods.

All of which makes interesting the "Town Forest" movement which is getting under way in the East, and especially in Massachusetts. For there is no possible doubt that a town with a successful forest of its own is in luck—and from many points of view. Anyone interested should send to the American Tree association, 1214 Sixteenth street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for a booklet just off the press, "Town Forests: Their Recreational and Economic Value and How to Establish and Maintain Them," by Harris A. Reynolds, secretary of the Massachu-



CHARLES LATHROP PACK

setts Forestry association. It is for free distribution for the good of the cause.

The "Town Forest" booklet carries a foreword by Charles Lathrop Pack, president and founder of the American Tree association, who gave impetus to the movement by presenting a thousand-acre demonstration forest to the New York College of Forestry at Syracuse university. His association, incidentally, is unique in that there are no dues, and the only way to become a member is to plant a tree and register it. And anyone who asks may have "tree planting instructions" and a "tree day program" free.

"Our idea," says Mr. Pack, "is to get the stranger to trees interested in one tree. With the individual sold on one tree, we then introduce him to the large phases of the subject. The 'Town Forest' is one of these phases. In hundreds of European towns the citizens receive a little check every year instead of a tax bill because of town forests. Rather an engaging idea, I think, in these days of income tax returns and the high cost of living."

Mr. Reynolds sets forth in one chapter that in 1913 a law was enacted in Massachusetts providing that cities and towns might set aside lands for the express purpose of growing timber. That law authorizes municipalities to purchase lands or to accept gifts or bequests for this purpose. A town may incur debt within the legal limit, and any town can establish a forest by a two-thirds vote of any regular town meeting, or a city by a similar vote of its council. When a forest is established by such official action the state, through its conservation commission, will give trees to the town to reforest the land.

The Massachusetts Forestry association started a campaign of education to persuade the cities and towns to acquire forests under the act. In the last three years, since the association has offered to plant free of charge 5,000 forest trees for any city or town which will establish a forest of one hundred or more acres, the idea is gradually being accepted.

January 1, 1925, 42 towns had set aside land for town forests or voted to do so when the committee could obtain the land. In the aggregate over 25,000 acres have been included in town forests, and nearly half a million trees have been planted. The association has planted 60,000 trees (about 60 acres) for 12 of these towns that have qualified with 100 or more acres.

Of the town forests already created more than one-fourth have been obtained through gifts of land or of money from citizens interested in forestry and in the future of their town. The city of Fitchburg has 109 acres



In Washington's Day Today In wood

of woodland in four tracts, established in 1914. The maintenance cost of the forest has been \$4,405 and the returns from lumber and fuel wood sold has been \$3,518; it will show a net annual profit. Plymouth appropriated \$3,000 last year, bought 150 acres and planted 15,000 young trees.

Thus 42 towns now have their town forests. There are 105 others with committees appointed, and a large per cent of these towns will take favorable action this year. It might fairly be said that the town forest idea has been sold to Massachusetts and eventually every town with idle forest land within its boundaries will have its town forest. It is possible for about 300 of the 355 cities and towns in Massachusetts to have forests, and with each of these planting a few thousand trees annually the result will be far-reaching.

The creation of a town forest from the legal standpoint is simply a matter of routine. There are a few states that have specific laws pertaining to town forests, and these outline the method to be followed. Where no such laws have been enacted the general laws applying to municipalities will probably be found adequate to enable the city or town to acquire a forest. The states that have special legislation regarding municipal forests are Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Vermont.

There are thousands of towns in which many acres of land are lying idle, producing little or nothing for the owners and only a few cents per acre in taxes. In its present condition it is more of a liability to the town than an asset. The average owner of such land either cannot afford to reforest it or is unwilling to put his money into such a long-time investment. But the town, a corporation, can afford to wait for the crop to mature. By putting this land to work now the town will eventually reap a handsome profit.

The booklet points out that the town forest stands at the threshold of the American home. It is the property of the people, maintained for the people and operated for their common benefit. It is theirs, within their reach, to use, to enjoy and to protect. It pays its own way, yielding a regularly maturing crop of timber on which, for local consumption, no railroad collects the freight. It stands as a constant lesson in forest protection and respect for common rights, which may be neither wasted nor abused. Without conflict, beautiful recreation and pleasure may here go hand in hand with common dollar profit. It is a vital aid in the education of school boys and girls. It naturally becomes a sanctuary for the birds and wild life.

The new democratic forces. The labor press hits at the doughy dean at every opportunity. He did not escape its barbs even on his recent visit to the United States, as is shown by the following comment by the London Daily Herald, organ of the British Labor party: "Lecturing at Yale university on Monday last, Dean Inge declared that modern ministers who sought notoriety were a positive danger to the Christian church. Well, surely he ought to know."

Harsh Words for Dean

British labor has no love for Dean Inge, who extols the virtues of the old aristocratic order in Britain and denounces the leveling program of

was the Zutkerbosch, which drains the Heidelberg-Nigel district. On March 18, six years ago, a tremendous flush of water came down—four times the quantity registered this year, when the rate of flow averaged 16,000 cubic feet per second.—Family Herald.

African River in Flood

The Vaal river in flood as an outcome of continuous rains has drawn thousands of sightseers. The barrage was steadily regulated the flow. The quantity of water which was let down through the pier gates in one day would have been sufficient to supply the Rhine with 10,000,000 gallons a day for two years. The only tributary of the Vaal which had not given any appreciable response to the recent rains

Daily Exercise for Owners of Millions

Clipping Coupons: Strip, don't trim trunks and take bonds and scissors into steam room of Turkish bath. Raise bonds and scissors over head, inhaling slowly, and elevate right knee as high as it will go. (If left-handed, elevate left knee.) Lower bonds and scissors to level of knee, exhaling slowly, and use knee-cap for a desk, resting bond upon it and clipping coupon. Repeat until day's supply of bonds is exhausted.

Opening Safe Deposit Box: This exercise, if faithfully followed, is a certain reducer of waist measure. Select safe deposit box on tier of boxes nearest floor and, refusing proffered aid of vault attendant, lean down, bending from the waist, with knees rigid and feet together, insert key and unlock box yourself. Do this daily until apoplexy claims its victim.

Pushing Push Buttons: Have large flat-top desk in private office fitted with row of push-buttons within convenient reach of your chair. Inhaling slowly, instruct your secretary to carry chair around to opposite side of desk. Lean forward flat across inkwell and push buttons, calling in turn production manager (exhaling), sales manager (inhaling), efficiency engineer (exhaling), building engineer (inhaling), and special cop in the main hall (exhaling). Note: Care should be taken to inhale only after exhaling, otherwise half the benefit of this exercise will be lost.

Pounding Desk: This exercise may be taken alone, but more satisfactory results are obtained in the presence of a room full of people, preferably your employees. Inhaling slowly, summon employees, and, clenching fist, pound desk. Exhaling, raise arm, bending at elbow, and pound desk again. Keep this up ten minutes, or until employees are mildly fatigued. If deemed desirable, words may be spoken briskly during this exercise. Develop ego.

Picking Petals: An admirable exercise, especially for back, shoulder and arm muscles, while riding to and from business conferences in limousine. Lean back in padded seat and, reaching forward with right arm, pick petals from rose in vase across the car. Alternate right, left, right, left, until no petals remain. As you become proficient, and your muscle and wind warrant it, daisies may be substituted for roses. They have more petals and more resistance.—A. H. T., in Kansas City Star.

Unconscious Prejudice

Senator Edwards said in a prohibition argument in Trenton: "We can't argue prohibition fairly and squarely because we are all prejudiced about it one way or another. We claim we're unbiased, but we soon give ourselves away."

"We're like the man whose name was drawn for the murder jury." "Mr. Jones," they said to him, "before we take you on this jury we must find out whether you have formed any prejudice about the defendant's guilt or innocence." "No," said Jones. "No, I ain't formed no prejudice whatever." "And, Mr. Jones, have you, or have you not, any conscientious objections to capital punishment?" "No objections at all," said Jones, "in a case like this."

Cultivation of the Snail

The harvest of the succulent snail of the cultivated species for European consumption has begun in Switzerland and France, and thousands of men and women will be busy throughout the summer in this curious industry. The annual production in both countries is about three million pounds, but as the demand is far greater than the supply the devices of the adulterator supplement nature, and pieces of meat, generally veal, are introduced into the empty shells. The large fields which are prepared for the propagation of the snail generally lie at the edge of a wood or forest, sheltered from the sun. The soil of the farm is well sanded and limed, and round it is built a wall two or three feet high.

Foolish Suicide

Walter S. Gifford, who at forty is president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company with its payroll of 340,000 employees, said in a recent interview in New York: "I saw in today's paper an account of the suicide of a young lawyer. He had a good future before him, but he permitted one or two failures to drive him to despair. Yet the most successful men have more failures than successes to their credit." "This sad case," Mr. Gifford ended, "is just another proof that a man is never too old to learn, but often too young to realize it."

Looking to the Future

A gymnasium will be provided for the dormitory which Harvard university is erecting for its medical school. In presenting \$125,000 for the gymnasium, the donor, Mr. H. S. Vanderbilt, stated: "The students will learn from experience of the good which it has done their own minds and bodies, the benefit which would accrue to their future patients and mankind by prescribing and encouraging exercises of a similar nature."

Marbles With Toes

Found guilty of bad posture, improper shoes and other foot defects, more than 100 girls at the Colorado Agricultural college have been ordered by the athletic department to play marbles with their toes as a corrective exercise.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

(62, 15th, Western Newspaper Union)

When you taste a blueberry pie that you have just made and feel the thrill of pride at its delicious flavor, always remember that you didn't make the blueberries.

WHAT TO EAT

One may have a green salad dressing by adding a cupful of cooked, sifted peas to it. Put the cooked peas through a fine sieve. This not only improves the flavor and makes it more pleasing in appearance, but it is more nourishing and enjoyed by all.

Boiled Dressing.—Beat two eggs light, without separating; add one cupful of mild vinegar (dilute with water if the acid is very strong), add one teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper, one-half teaspoonful of sugar, and one-fourth cupful of butter, melted. Mix well and put over hot water. Stir constantly until the dressing is thickened; cool and serve with an addition of whipped cream or olive oil.

Fish Dinner.—Take two pounds of haddock, cod or halibut, tie in a cheesecloth and boil in salted water until tender. Cook a cupful of rice in boiling salted water. Chop one quart of cooked spinach, season with butter, arrange with chopped beets in small mounds around the fish. Serve very hot.

Cucumber Sauce.—Pare two cucumbers and cut into quarters lengthwise, remove the seeds if large, chop fine, and squeeze dry. Season with salt, paprika and vinegar and stir in one-half cupful of thick cream whipped until stiff. A small grated onion may be added if liked.

Fried Green Tomatoes.—Cut off both ends of large green tomatoes, cut into thin slices, roll in seasoned flour and cook in hot butter in a frying pan. If onion flavor is liked a slice of onion may be added when frying.

Wilted Cucumbers.—For those who find the juice of the cucumber disagrees with them, cover with strong salt and water and let them soak for two hours. Toss in a salad bowl, dress with sour cream and serve.

Tongue Scramble.—Take one cupful of finely minced cooked tongue, add six well-beaten eggs, season to taste with grated onion and chopped green pepper. Cook in butter and serve very hot.

Household Hints

In cutting raisins or candied peel, rub a bit of butter over the chopping knife or the scissors to keep them from becoming sticky. Marshmallows will cut into pieces quickly with the scissors dipped into cold water occasionally.

Fry spring chickens by putting (after cutting into serving-sized pieces) into a deep Scotch kettle with a tablespoonful or two of water; let steam tightly covered for a few minutes, adding a little fat if needed. Cook until tender, well covered, adding a teaspoonful of water when needed. Season well when partly cooked and cook until well-browned. Cooked this way chicken will be tender and juicy. Long, slow cooking brings out the flavor.

Pour hot coffee from the breakfast pot into the saucers of the geranium plants once or twice a week. The coffee cools before it reaches the roots and a wealth of beautiful blossoms will reward the effort. Coffee grounds worked into the soil around ferns and other plants will lighten the soil. Rinse and save all pieces of paraffin taken from jelly glasses. Keep in an old coffee pot and when ready to use, melt and pour over the glasses. When food is burnt on in a granite or aluminum dish, dust a thick coating of soda over the bottom, cover with water and let stand for a few hours, then remove all deposit with steel wool. If this does not remove the spots add a little lye and let stand a few minutes; this will usually clean the most obstinate deposits. A few drops of muriatic acid added to water to wash brasses will remove all stains. Rinse well and rub with oil; polish with a chamois skin. Asparagus, peas, beans, if left from dinner, may be rinsed with cold water and added to the salad for luncheon the next day. Make a practice of using a card index. Housekeeping is a business and should be carried on in a business-like way. When aluminum pans and dishes become discolored, boil up a few apple peels or leaves of rhubarb in them. The acid will dissolve the deposit. To remove a cork that has been pushed into a bottle, tie a small button to a cord and drop into the bottle, pull up the string and the cork and button will come out. If mayonnaise curdles in the mixing, start all over again, beating a fresh egg and add the curdled mixture a few drops at a time until all is well-blended. Having a list of boxes and their contents will save much rummaging for things. In case of illness in the family those unfamiliar will be able to locate needed things.

Entirely Satisfactory
Mr. Brown looked up from his evening paper as his wife entered triumphantly. There was a smile on her face that he knew from long experience indicated time well spent. "Well, my dear," said he, "did you have a pleasant day?" Mrs. Brown's smile broadened. "Yes, rather," she answered. "I made three friends of enemies and three enemies of friends."

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