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Alibautus Wood.

Persons who know the alibautus only as a shade tree, with its numerous blossoms and smooth growth will be glad to learn that it possesses invaluable qualities of strength, durability, beauty of finish and color for carpentry and cabinet work, freedom from warping and shrinkage, ease of being worked without injury to tool and with little or no waste. It is rapid growing tree, as all know, upon poor soils as well as good ones, in exposed situations on the sea coast, and in the interior. It seasons readily and when dry is free from the unpleasant odor which characterizes the wood when green. It has a higher value as fuel than most of the woods in general use. Experiments made in the French dockyard at Toulon showed that the alibautus broke with a weight of 72,186 lbs. where the elm yielded to a weight of 54,707 lbs., and the oak to a weight of 43,434 lbs. The small second growth is said to make very durable grape stakes, to which it seems well adapted. A set of furniture, made of this wood, has been in use in Providence, R. I., for about twenty years. It takes a high polish and may be cut so as to present satin luster which is very pleasing. It is regarded by some cabinet makers equal to mahogany and superior black wood for the most part. It is

black walnut in the matter of staining. For the trends of stains, the floors of offices, mills, and other buildings, where a hard, strong wood is required, it is regarded by many as superior to most of the woods then employed. Its warm color makes an effective finish when used with both light and darker woods, and wainscoting is again becoming fashionable, the ease of producing the wood where other woods are not readily obtainable, will recommend this style of interior finish. This grows more rapidly when young, so when it has attained considerable age.

General Harrison and Social Drinkers

It is related by a Chester (Pa.) man that when General William Henry Harrison was pursuing for the Presidency he stopped at the Washington House, his Chester, Pa. dinner. After dinner wine was served. It was noticed that the General pledged his toasts in water, and some of the gentlemen from New York, offering another said: "General, will you not favor me by drinking a few glasses of wine?" The General declined in a very gentlemanly manner. Again he was urged to join them in a glass of wine. This was too much. He rose from the table.

his tall form erect, and in the most dignified manner replied, "Gentlemen: I have refused twice to partake of the wine cup—that should have been sufficient; though you press cup to my lips not a drop shall pass the portals. I made a resolution when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink and I have never broken it. I am one of a class of seventeen young men who graduated and the other sixteen fill their father's graves—all through the pernicious habit of wine-drinking. I possess all my health, happiness and prosperity to that resolution. Will you

COMPARATIVE STRENGTH OF EXPLOSIVES.—The report of the United States Board of Army Engineers just published, presents the following interesting table as the result of three years' thorough trial of the relative efficiency of the various modern explosives, taking ordinary dynamite as the standard:

Dynamite, No. 1	100
Gun cotton	100
Dufluit	100
Bendrook	100
Dynamite, No. 2	100
Vulcan powder	100
Mica powder	100
Nitro-glycerine	100
Hercules powder No. 1	100
Hercules powder No. 2	100

New York has contributed \$40,000 to the Memphis sufferers. This exclusive of Jay Goulds munificent gift of \$10,000.

EGYPTIAN COTTON CROP.—London, 20.—The Times says the new concern the Egyptian cotton crop continues good, and a large yield is expected. Samples so far are of good quality.