

to survey the country. A city man along the blade a thin stream of kerowould promptly have lost himself in some oil from a bottle in his hip pocket, the tangle, but the woodsman emerged and the sawyers again boat to their at last on the banks of a stroam, leaving behind him a meandering trail of ed trees chpp "I'll take it," said he to Daly. Daly now proceeded to drive a sharp

bargain with him.

way had no vantage point from which

work, swaying back and forth rhythmicully, their muscles rippling under the texture of their woo lens like those of a pupther under its skin. The out-

er edge of the naw blade disappeared. "Better wedge her. Tom," advisod

straightened their backs. Tom dirted

word of command. The driver, close to her tail, held fast the signder steel chain of an ingenious litch about the over useful swamp book. When Jim shouted "Whon!" from the top of the skidway the driver did not trouble to stop the horse; he merely let go the book. So the power was shut off suddenly, as is meet and proper in such ticklish business. He turned and walked back. and Jenny, like a dog. without the necessity of command, followed

Customarily a jobber is paid a tain proportion of the agreed price as each stage of the work is completed. Daly objected to this method of pro

"You see. Radway," he explained. "it's our last season in the country. When this lot is in we want to pull up stakes, so we can't take any ances on not getting that timber in. If you don't finish your job. it keeps us here another season. There can be no doubt, therefore, that you balsh your job. In other words, we can't take any chances. If you start the thing, you've got to carry it 'way through.

"I think I can, Mr. Daly." the jobber assured him. "For that reason," went on Daly.

"we object to paying you as the work progresses. We've got to have a guaranter that you don't quit on as and that those logs will be driven down the branch as far as the river in time to entch our drive. Therefore I'm going to make you a good price per thousand, but payable only when the logs are delivered to our river men."

Radway, with his usual mental attitude of one anxious to justify the other man, ended by seeing only his em-ployer's argument. He did not perveire that the latter's proposition introduced into the transaction a gambling element. It became possible for Morrison & Daly to get a certain Amount of work short of absolute completion done for nothing.

All this was in Asgust. Radway. who was a good, practical woodaman, set about the job immediately. He gath-ered a crew, established a camp and began at once to cut coads through tim country he had already biased on his former trip.

Hadway's task was not merely to irrel out and ballast the six feet of a roadbed already constructed, but to cut a way for five miles through the unbroken wilderness. The way had, moreover, to be not less than twenty. five feet wide, needed to be absolu level and free from any kind of ob is and required in the swampe liberal ballasting with poles, called our durage. Not only must the growth he removed, but the roots must be cut out removed, but the roots must be out our red the inequalities of the ground lev-oled any filled up, Reflect further that "Radway had but a brief time at his disposal, but a rw months at most, and you will then be in a position ', gauge the first diffusities of those the and the states

Hank. They paused while, with a heavy aledge. Tom drove a triangle of steel into the crack made by the sawing. This prevented the weight of the tree

from pinching the saw. Then the mical z-z-z, z-z-z, again took up rhyth its sous. When the trunk was nearly severed

Tom drove another and thicker wedge. "Timber?" balloed Hank in a long draws melodious call that melted through the woods into the distance, The swampers ceased work and withdrew to safety.

"Crack!" called the tree

Hank coolly unbooked his saw han-die, and Tom drew the blade through and out the other side.

The tree shivered, then leaned ever so slightly from the perpendicular, then fell, at first gently, afterward with a creacendo rush, tearing through the branches of other trees, bending the mail timber, breaking the amailent and at last bitting with a tre crash and bring which filled the air with a for of small twigs, peedles and the powder of snow.

Then the swampers, who have by now flaished the travey road, trimmed the prostrute trunk clear of all pro-taberances. It required fairly skillful az work. The branches had to be shaved close and clear, and at the same flore the trank must not be gashed. And often a man was forced to wield his instrument from a constrained position.

The chopped branches and limbs had now to be dranged clear and piled, while this was being finished Tom and Hank marked off and sawed the log lengths, paying due attention to the necessity of avoiding knots. forks and rotten places. Thus some of the logs ware eighteen, some sixteen or four-

teen and some only twelve feet in length. Next appeared the teamsters with their little wooden sledges, their steel shains and their tonics. They had been hetping the skidders to place the parallef and level beams, or skids, on which the loss were to be piled by the side of the rond. The tree which Tom and flauk land just felled by up a genthe slope from the new travey road, so little Pablan Laveque, the team and the life of bis tongs to the clant) "Alles, Molly!" he cried.

A berne, buge, slephantine, her hand down. note close to her ebest, intelli-

in slow patience Now caras Dyer, a scaler, rapidly down the logging read, a small, stender man with a little, turned up mustache The men disliked him because of his affectation of a city smartness and he-

cause be never ate with them, even when there was plenty of room. The caler's duty at present was to measure the diameter of the logs in each skid-



"Alles !" commanded Lavoque.

way and so compute the number of d feet. At the office he tended van. kept the books and looked after sup-

He approached the akkiway rapidly. inki his flexible role across the face of each log, made a mark on his pine tablets in the selumin to which the log belonged, thrust the tablet in the pocket of his cost, scined a blue erayon. In long tolder, with which he made an 8 as indication that the log had been scaled, and finally tapped several times strongly with a stonge baramer. On the face of the lummmer in relief was an M inside of a delta. This was the company's brand, and so the log was branded as belonging to them. He swarmed over the skidway, rapid and absorbed, in strange activity to the clare the dignity and the virile energy which were inseparable from the old -Portland Oregonian.

reflecting from century to century the dovelopment of its civilization and its

advance in intellectual and moral cal-

ture, in carning and connent. The

fexible Greek tongue was the product

and the instrument of the subtle Greek

the classic speech of the Homan de-

intellect. The distinctive qualities

Scattered Too Much. "It slways pays to be conservative," said the earoful man. "Now, I recall the case of the man from Dyeraville. Dyer county, Tenn. "I can lick any man in Dyersville,"

be announced our day in the main street of that village.

"There was no response. 'I can lick any man in Dyer county.' he then pro-"Still the: was no reply to the chai

tenge. Emiloidened by the success of his bluff, the man should, 'I can lick any man in Tenneheet? "At that a loug, lank mountainees

pecied of his coat and wiped up the street with the boaster.

"'Gentlemen,' said the braggart. at he brushed off his clothes, 'the tre with me is that I matter too dury much."

Exhausted Brain Cells. Nerve spressilists may that a great many subjides are the direct results of existented brain cells. When you find yourfelf becoming mores and despendent, when you are conscious that the test of life is evaporating, that you are losing the edge of your former keen in terest in things generally and that your life is becoming a bore, you may be prefly sure that you need more sleep: that you need country or outdoor exercise. If you get these, you will find that all the old enthusiasen will return. A few days of exercise in the country rambling over the kills and mendows will orane the dark pictures which haunt you and will restore buopabcy to your animal spirits .- 8

Cotting Into a Life Buoy.

The average person in danger of frowning neually uttempts to lift a life buoy over his head, with the result that he is itsmediately plunged deepe into the water. A good swimmer our do this with a sudden upward jerk, bu with the nonewimmer it is ab ont as impossible fent. Wint he should do when he has

selard the buoy is to place both hands, palme downward, on the buoy on the inrt nearest the body, pressing it downward and slightly away, when the farther part of the bdog will rise out of the water and actually fall over the hend. The arous can then be put through casily, "and there you are."

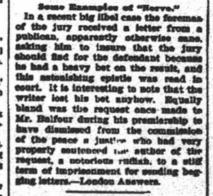
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de Bergeter in his "States and Em-pires of the Sun" holdiy praised and glorified the despised color in the fol-

lowing words: "A brave head covered with red hair is nothing else but the

wan in the midst of his rays, yet many

spoak SII of it because few have the





A lawyer happened to be aconsinted with a foror is a petty dvil case, and he met him during a recess of the court. The lawyer was just "lighting up," and under ordinary circumstance he would have offered the other a cign unhesitatingly, but it occurred to him that it might not look right.

"I suppose," he said guardedly, "that a eight would not influence your ver-

The juror was equally castions. "A good one wouldn't." be replied, "but a poor one might prejudice ma." Ele sut a most eight....Brooklyp Hagie



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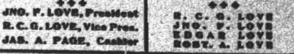
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