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Pine Needles in Oregon.

The Scientific American contains an illustrated article by Enos Brown on the pine needle industry as it is found in Southern Oregon. The article is an interesting one, and is as follows:

"The utilization of the pine needles of the Oregon yellow pine, botanically *Pinus Ponderosa*, is becoming an industry of considerable importance on the Pacific Coast. Fifty years ago it was discovered that the extracts and products of the long, slender leaves of the pine possessed real efficacy in complaints of a pulmonary character. It is claimed that insomnia yields to the influence of the pungent odor, and asthmatics have found real relief in partaking of the oil and in sleeping upon pillows stuffed with the elastic and fragrant fiber manufactured from the interior substance of the pine needles. The illimitable forests abounding in the state of Oregon, with their accessibility to through lines of transportation, suggested to a German from the forests of Turingia the transfer of a lucrative business to the Pacific Coast. In Germany the leaves never exceed two inches in length, while in Oregon they often exceed thirty inches, and average twenty. In the former country the forest laws are extremely strict and often prohibitive, obliging the maker of the product to use the dried leaves that have fallen on the ground and thus insuring an inferior and less effective quality of goods. In the Western State denuding the yellow pine of its leaves has been encouraged, the expert of the Forestry Commission having pronounced the process beneficial. A tally kept of the weight gathered from a certain number of trees indicated that the crop gathered in April weighed 650 pounds, while that of the same trees gathered in October weighed 775 pounds. Two crops are gathered yearly, the first being always the largest. The leaves of the young trees are preferred, yielding a better quality of oil it is said though this fact is doubted. The leaves are stripped from the trees by women and men who are hired for the purpose, and who are paid 25 cents a hundred pounds for the needles. Five hundred pounds is regarded as an average day's work. The leaves are packed into sacks and hurriedly sent to the factory. Exposure to the sun causes the leaves to wilt, and impairs the quality of the product. In picking the thickest bunches of leaves are selected, and the scanty ones neglected. The vast quantity available, so far beyond any present demand, permits the picker to thus discriminate. The factory at which the essences and extracts of the needles are manufactured has a capacity for handling 2000 pounds of leaves per day; but it is soon to be enlarged to about four times its present size. In the extraction of pine oil, 2000 pounds of green leaves are required to produce ten pounds of oil. The process is the ordinary one of distillation. In the manufacture of fiber the leaves pass through a process of steaming, washing, drying, etc., twelve in all occupying four days. Two qualities are produced, first and second. The first, from which no oil has been distilled, is worth upon the market about ten cents per pound. The fiber is elastic, and the staple only a little shorter than the green leaf from which it is made, and with strength sufficient to enable it to be spun in fabrics. Mixed with hair, h-fiber makes an excellent material for mattresses or pillows and repose comes quickly when resting upon them. It is also used as a partial filling for cigars,

imparting a flavor not the least disagreeable, and calming to the nerves. Toilet soaps are made, strongly impregnated with essential oil of pine needles.

The fiber itself, after curing, looks like a slender shaving of some dark wood, retaining its odor indefinitely. Insects abhor it on that account. It is said that the Oregon factory is the only one in the world outside of Germany.

A Good Insurance Story.

A certain life insurance company recently received the following letter:

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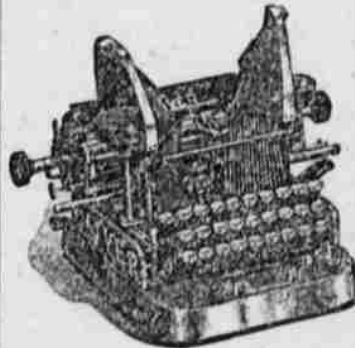
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