

Clearing Land

By John Sulkey, Seventh Grade

Clearing land means to cut the trees down, down underbrush, and grub stumps, and all things that will avoid cultivation. This requires lots of work.

When one begins to clear a piece of land, first he cuts down the underbrush so that he can get at the larger trees, which he may make fuel of or cut into logs, so he is clearing up his land and may be making fuel or lumber also. When he gets that done, the next on hand is to burn the brush which he has piled up in rows as he cut them. So that he does not have to pile the brush on when he starts the fire, but just starts the fire on one end of the row, but that goes according to the wind. If the wind blows from the west he starts the fire on the west end of the pile.

Then when he has all of the brush burned, next comes the stumps. Some of the stumps are large and some are small, those that are small he hitches his horses to, and pull out all that he can with the stumppuller. And the larger ones, he has something else for them. Then he sets to work digging holes under the stumps, till he has a hole under every stump, then it is ready for the dynamite.

This has to be handled with care. He then attaches the cap to the dynamite and the fuse to the cap, then it is ready to be placed under the stump where it will do its work, first he has to know how much fuse to use, which is about three feet long, so as to give one time enough to get out of the way, that he may not be injured from the flying dirt and pieces of wood. When he has loosened all of the stumps he then piles

them up and burns them. Then his ground is cleared and fit for cultivation, which he will raise a fine crop on account of it being new ground.

TO THE KICKERS

The kicker read the paper,
To see the work there wrought,
The kicker read the paper,
But ne'er a paper bought.
He didn't like the contents,
And said it was all slow,
But never gave material
To show what he could do.

—Ex.

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