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FORESTS OF STONE. Queer Lumbering in New Jersey CHOPPING A TREE OF ROCK.

Trunks, Boughs and Leaves Turned to Flint—Some Wonders of Nature. "If you want to see something curious," said a friend, who was a member of a government survey, "go down with me to Woodbine."

"We're all in the loggin' business," said a tall thin Dennis, yet as far as the eye could reach not a tree could be seen standing that would make even the ghost of a fair log.

"That's about it," replied the man. "You know we're obliged to be a white oak or so; we've got the name of it, anyhow."

"The secret of this business," said my friend, the geologist, "is that ages ago all this area was covered with a fine growth of large trees, and the same are found growing in some parts of the swamp yet, but they have died out and fallen down and sunk into the soft mud, and so been covered up by mold and mud until many other layers have grown over them; but in some remarkable way the wood is preserved and these sunken ancient logs are just as good for shingles and other articles as when alive."

"I tell ye," said an old farmer from this region, "that we're livin' on a curious kind of crust round here. In p'int of fact, my farm might be said to be perched on a regular woodpile; there ain't no end to it. I built a foundation to a barn some years ago, and the further down I dug the more logs I come on to, and I reckon way down it's clean, solid wood, and when a fire breaks out in the swamp you want to keep your eyes peeled, now I'm a talkin'." How so? Well, I'll just give you a little of my experience.

Many are thrown out and prostrate, from fifty to sixty feet in length, and from five to six feet in diameter. In cases where the roots are seen penetrating the solid rock the sight is an impressive one, showing how many years it must have taken to accomplish such results.

William H. Vanderbilt states that he should want \$10,000,000 a year salary for managing a railroad. It is surmised that his management of some of them has cost at least as much as that, although he did not call it salary.

"A detail was sent out under the charge of Lieutenant J. T. C. Hege, wald of the Fifteenth Infantry and they secured some magnificent specimens. The Navajos who were tending their sheep in the vicinity believed the fallen trunks to represent the bones of former giants that their ancestors had killed and could not understand why the 'Great Father' at Washington should want them."

"Last summer," continued the geologist, "I took a run up the valley of the great fork of the Yellowstone. There is a country for you, and fortunately, in the National park, and to be saved from destruction. In going up the valley you have the beautiful Yellowstone mountains to the north and to the south the famous Amethyst mountain, that for its fossil or stone forests is extremely remarkable. Directly opposite the valley of the Soda Butte creek rises the mountain, with exposed strata at least 2000 feet high. The summit is about 9000 feet up. As you follow up the trail you will at once be struck with the curious surface of the mountain, and there in sections you can count distinctly at least twenty-five forest levels formed in this way. The first forest, perhaps a million years ago, grew and died down; soil accumulated, and then another forest grew on that, until finally the twenty-five have grown. In the mean time strata to the depth of 2000 feet have been deposited—that is, the distance from the present trees growing on top to the first one below is 2000 feet. You can count up to suit yourself how many years it took to accomplish this. For the first 400 feet the display is not very striking, as the trunks are partly covered, but as your eye rises you are presented with a geological illustration that is a marvel. At 500 feet from the bottom the levels are as distinctly marked as if they had been made by hand, every trunk and the roots standing out in bold relief—the bas-reliefs of nature."

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