

TIMBER LANDS OF MEXICO.

Immensely Valuable Tracts Still Standing in That Country. The depletion of forests in the United States is the cause for the recent attention which has been given to timber lands in Mexico.

BEGINNING OF NOTABLE ELM.

Fine Tree From Slip Planted by Revolutionary Hero. A magnificent elm tree on the Water Wellington estate in the east part of Lexington, dates from 1732, and was planted by the father of Jonathan Harrington, who was a small drummer boy in the revolutionary war.

Gondolas and Gondoliers. A tourist writes: "Like most characteristic objects appertaining to Venice, the gondola is suitable to the place. Even as the handsome cab suits London or the rickshaw suits Japan or the jaunting car suits Ireland, so the gondola is the vessel for Venice.

Privileged Guest. Of a prominent lecturer of London an acquaintance says: "On one occasion he was the guest of a friend of mine, a busy Liverpool merchant, and when the popular lecturer returned from the hall he asked for all sorts of impossible dishes and liquid concoctions peculiar to abstainers—a demand which somewhat upset the routine of the household.

A Touch of Nature. When first the crocus trusts its point of gold Up through the still snow-dusted garden mold, And faded green things in dim woods unclose Their crinkled spears, a sudden tremor goes Into my veins and makes me kith and kin To every wild-born thing that thrills and blows.

Only One at Home. Philip Verrill Mighels, the writer, being in London not long ago, informed Mrs. Mighels one morning that he had several errands, and would not be back for several hours. He was going to see a lawyer, a doctor, and a literary agent, and after his business was attended to, he would gratify an old wish of his and go to see Goldsmith's grave. After a very brief period, to Mrs. Mighels' surprise, he returned. "Why," exclaimed his wife, "how did you accomplish so much in such a short time?" "Because," said Mr. Mighels, "the lawyer, the doctor and the literary agent were all out. The only one in was Goldsmith."

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Another Man Ahead of Him. An Irishman who had been out of a job many weeks found in the river that flowed through his town the body of the keeper of the railroad bridge. He immediately betook himself to the superintendent of the division and applied for the vacated job, saying that he had seen the body of the former keeper in the river. "Sorry," said the superintendent, briefly, "the place has been filled. We gave it to the man who saw him fall in."—Harper's Weekly.

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