

CHAMPION SHINGLE PACKERS—A contest among some of the shingle-packers at U. D. Mehills & Co.'s mill has lately been decided. Mr. Herman Walther, foreman at the mill, gives us the figures, as follows: On May 26th, Miss Emma Carbano packed 40,250; on the 27th, Miss Annie Dougherty packed 42,000; on the 28th, Miss Delia Laduke packed 43,000; and on the 29th, Miss Barbette Aures distanced all competitors and secured the championship by packing 44,000. Each day's work was ten and one-half hours. The figures we have given can be verified and Miss Aures wears the belt—for the present at least. The best single hour's work—4,500—was performed by Miss Delia Laduke.—*Fond du Lac Journal*.

A man named Nichols, an employe in Mess. Tyson & Sweet's mill, in Manistee, was literally sawed in pieces, on the 3d inst. When last seen he was standing near the saw, and when the inmates of the mill saw him again he was passing under the saw. His head was sawed in two, and his body was severed in one or two places. There was nothing in the saw at the time, and it is a mystery how he became thrown upon it, some supposing, however, that his clothing was caught and he was thereby jerked into the jaws of death before he had time to even utter a cry of distress. He is said to resided in Milwaukee, and some claim that he has a family there while others are of the contrary opinion.—*Grand Rapids (Mich) Enterprise*

SOME SAWING—The following item comes through a special dispatch to the Chicago Times. The logs were probably selected with a view to the finer class for rapid sawing and convenient handling.

On the 3d instant, the McGraw Mill at Portsmouth, Michigan, with three gangs and two circulars, cut the enormous amount of 179,718 feet,

log scale, in the actual running time of two hours and forty minutes.

A KING OF TREES.

In the great forest, near Cape Coast Castle, Africa, the silk-cotton, like a king of trees, towers over all others. It is truly a most wonderful tree. It grows faster than any other, for the wood is soft. It must be one of the largest trees in the world. There is a most wonderful provision of nature shown in this in compensating it for the softness of its wood, which, from its immense size, could not support the weight of the branches and towering top. Rising far above the other giants, therefore deriving no shelter from them, each one stands for a greater part of its height a separate tree, and exposed to the full force of the constant tornadoes which sweep over this part of the country during the rains. The necessary support is given to it by a number of large buttresses all round the stems; they are formed by the roots which rise over the ground in a flattened shape extending up the sides of the trees, and forming most regular supports all round. In many places the natives make use of the spaces between these buttresses as houses; merely making a roof overhead, the house is complete. As the people of this country never have more than three walls to their houses, and the tree, with two of its buttresses supplies those, they are quite ready-made houses for them, and indestructible. While the tree is young all the bark is covered with very large, strong thorns. For what purpose it is provided with these is not so evident.

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