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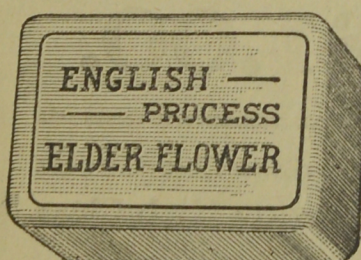
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## The Riverman

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As the last log shot through Orde  
cried, "Tear out the booms!"

The chute to the dam was approach-  
ed, as has been earlier explained, by  
two rows of booms arranged in a V, or  
funnel, the apex of which emptied into  
the sluiceway and the wide, projecting  
arms of which embraced the width of  
the stream. The logs, floating down  
toward the sluice, were thus concentrated  
toward the sluice; also the rivermen,  
walking back and forth the length of  
the booms, were able easily to keep the  
drive moving.

Now, however, Orde unchained these  
boom logs. The men pushed them  
ashore, clamped in their peavies and,  
using these implements as handles,  
carried the booms back into the woods.  
Then everybody tramped back and  
forth, round and about, to confuse the  
trail. Orde was like a mischievous boy  
at a school prank.

The blazed logs belonging to Heinz-  
man, drifting slowly, had sucked down  
into the corner toward the power canal,  
where, caught against the grating, they  
had jammed. These logs would have  
to be floated singly and pushed one by  
one against the current across the pond  
and into the influence of the sluice  
gate. Some of them would be hard to  
come at.

"I guess that will keep them busy for  
a day or two," commented Orde.

This, as Orde has said, would be suf-  
ficiently annoying to Heinzman, but  
would have little real effect on the  
main issue, which was that the Ger-  
man was getting down his logs with a  
crew of less than a dozen men. Nev-  
ertheless Orde in a vast spirit of fun  
took delight in inventing and executing  
practical jokes of the general sort just  
described. One day the chore boy, who  
had been over to Spruce Rapids after  
mail, reported that an additional crew  
of twenty had been sent in to Heinz-  
man's drive. This was gratifying.

"We're making him scratch gravel,  
boys, anyway," said Orde.

The men entered into the spirit of  
the thing. In fact, their enthusiasm  
was almost too exuberant. Orde had  
constantly to negative new and in-  
genious schemes.

"No, boys," said he, "I want to keep  
on the right side of the law. We may  
need it later."

Logs rarely jam on rising water, for  
the simple reason that constantly the  
surface area of the river is increasing,  
thus tending to separate the logs. On  
the other hand, falling water, tending  
to crowd the drive closer together, is  
especially prolific of trouble. There-  
fore, on flood water the watchers  
scattered along the stretches of the  
river had little to do—save strand  
Heinzman's logs for him.

Up to a certain point this was all  
very well. Orde took pains not to  
outrun him officially and caused  
word to be passed about that, while  
he did not expect his men to help drive  
Heinzman's logs, they must not go out  
of their way to strand them.

"If things get too bad, he'll have  
spies down here to collect evidence  
on us," said Orde, "and he'll jug some  
of us for interference with his prop-  
erty. We don't own the river."

Inside of two weeks Orde had the  
great satisfaction of learning that  
Heinzman was working—and working  
hard—a crew of fifty men.

"A pretty fair crew, even if he was  
taking out his whole drive," com-  
mented Orde.

The gods of luck seemed to be with  
the new enterprise. The water held  
out to carry the last stick of timber  
over the shallowest rapids. Weather  
conditions were phenomenal—and per-  
fect. All up and down the river the  
work went with vim and dash.

After this happy fashion the drive  
went until at last it entered the broad,  
deep and navigable stretches of the  
river from Redding to the lake. Here,  
barring the accident of an extraordi-  
nary flood, the troubles were over. On  
the broad, placid bosom of the stream  
the logs would float. As Orde sat in  
his buckboard, ready to go into town  
for a first glimpse of Carroll in more  
than two months, he gazed with an  
immense satisfaction over the broad  
river moving brown and glacierlike, as  
though the logs that covered it were  
viscid and composed all its substance.  
The enterprise was practically assur-  
ed of success.

For awhile now Orde was to have a  
breathing spell. A large number of  
men were here laid off. The remain-  
der, under the direction of Jim Den-  
ning, would require little or no actual  
supervision. Until the jam should  
have reached the distributing booms  
above Monrovia the affair was very  
simple. Before he left, however, he  
called Denning to him.

"Jim," said he, "I'll be down to see  
you through the sluiceways at Red-  
ding, of course. But now that you  
have a good, still stretch of river I  
want you to include in our drive all  
the Heinzman logs from above you  
possibly can. If you can fix it, let  
their drive drift down into ours."

"Then we'll have to drive their logs  
for them," objected Denning.

"Sure," rejoined Orde, "but it's easy  
driving, and if that crew of his hasn't  
much to do perhaps he'll lay most of  
them off here at Redding."

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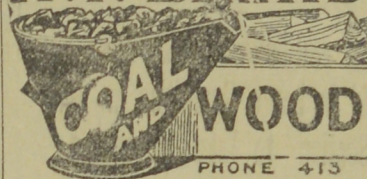
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