

A PRACTICAL CHARITY.

A Wood Yard Where Hungry Men May Earn a Meal.

A man must be old and crippled who can't do something around a wood yard. There is a wood yard at Twentieth and Holmes in Kansas City where from ten to twenty men get work every day. Most of these men are disabled in some way and there are different grades of work suitable for all sorts of infirmity. The second floor of the building is full of pine and cottonwood. This is split into kindling by a number of old men who are entirely contented to earn seventy-five cents or a dollar a day, and who come four or five days in a week. This wood yard is all that stands between the men and the wolf that keeps scratching at the door. All kinds of wood are handled at this wood yard which is run by a benevolent association. The wood is purchased in car load lots and the men who are cutting it up are paid every cent that the managers of the wood yard can afford in selling at the lowest market price. Persons buying wood at the Provident association may be sure of two things: First, that they are getting good measure, and second that their money goes to keep many poor families in the simple necessities of life.



KEEPING THE WOLF AWAY.