

There are other parts of Africa where pieces of cotton cloth, all of the same kind, and of the same size, are used as money; that is, these pieces of cloth are taken in exchange for all kinds of goods, by persons who do not mean to wear the cloth themselves, but to pay it away again, in exchange for something else. But none of these things are so convenient as coins of silver and other metals. These are not liable to break; and they also take up but little room in proportion to their value. This is especially the case with gold and silver; for copper money is useful for small payments, but would be very inconvenient for large ones. The price of a horse or a cow, in copper, would be a heavy load; but a man might easily carry in his pockets the price of twenty horses, if paid in gold. A bank note is still more convenient in this respect; but though it is often called paper money, it is not really money, but only a promise to pay money. No one would give anything for a bank note, if he did not believe that the banker is ready to pay gold or silver for it to any one who should present it to him. But as long as men are sure of this, they receive the bank note instead of money, because they may get money for it whenever they please.

LESSON LIV.

THE BURNING FOREST.

oc-ca-sion-al-ly	pre-ser-va-tion	brush-wood
ev-er-green	at-mo-sphere	u-su-al-ly
res-i-nous	per-plex-i-ty	por-cu-pine
crack-ling	ex-haust-ed	blaz-ing

In the vast forests of North America, which are chiefly composed of pine, and other kinds of fir,