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# CITY OF WOOD

SAN FRANCISCO AND THE ARCHITECTURE  
OF THE REDWOOD LUMBER INDUSTRY

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*For Paul Groth and great teachers like him*



*Thus on the northern coast,  
In the echo of teamsters' calls, and the clinking chains, and the music of  
choppers' axes,  
The falling trunk and limbs, the crash, the muffled shriek, the groan,  
Such words combined from the redwood-tree—as of wood-spirits' voices  
ecstatic, ancient and rustling,  
The century-lasting, unseen dryads, singing, withdrawing,  
All their recesses of forests and mountains leaving,  
From the Cascade range to the Wasatch—or Idaho far, or Utah,  
To the deities of the modern henceforth yielding,  
The chorus and indications, the vistas of coming humanity—the settlements,  
features all,  
In the Mendocino woods I caught.*

WALT WHITMAN, "SONG OF THE REDWOOD-TREE" (1874)

