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ICE HARVEST

The Upper Condukiogg River above Banger, Maine, hundreds are employed in a revived industry, harvesting the ice crop. A swift cutting power saw slices it into cakes twenty-two inches square. It partially re-freezes after it's sawed and the ice cowboys ride herd on large sections to start them riding on the way to the ice corral. With the river frozen to a depth of eighteen inches early in the season workmen send twenty-seven thousand tons up the conveyor tube stored. With increase in refrigerated railway cars demands for natural ice have risen sharply in the last few years. This equipment handles ten thousand cakes a day to chill your winter spinach.