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STRIPPING THE OLD LOGWOOD FACTORY – Removing Machinery from the Building at the Hamlet of Waterville – An Industry of Other Days

The old logwood mill at Waterville, used for many years by the Sharpless Dyewood Extract Company, is being stripped of all the iron and steel furnishings, including shafting, pulley wheels and hangings which have been sold to Conroy & Company, dealers in such material on the Island Road, in the lower section of Philadelphia, just over the Delaware County line. The property is for sale and is in the hands of Samuel Lyons, Esq., of this city.

These old ruins have long been unused and are located in a picturesque spot, just outside of the city limits on the trolley line to Media. Many years ago and before the Sharpless company established the present improved plant on the Delaware River front at the foot of Howell Street, these buildings were used for the manufacture of the dye extracts that are so much in demand and a necessity in the markets of the world. The many residents of Chester will recall the big wagons and the string of horses that were engaged in hauling the dyewood from the wharf on the river front to the mills at Waterville. The muddy roads and the long haul made it expensive work for the owners. The motive power of the mill in those days was found in the running stream that still flows peacefully by the old structure, a moss-covered reminiscence of the days of Waterville's prosperity.

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