

year on the thinned plot was at the rate of 3.4 cords, while ~~even~~ on the unthinned it was 2.9 cords.

due to greater  
total volume  
unthinned plot

#### MAXWELL PLOTS

The material taken out of the Holly plots above described was of sufficient size to make considerable cordwood, as well as tomato stakes and bean poles. Had the Holly plots been a part of a going farm, all of this material could undoubtedly have been used to advantage <sup>the farm</sup> right on/ Now it very frequently happens that the demand for small material such as will be taken out in thinning is so slight that no return can be expected from the material removed, and the owner of the land must content himself with the assurance that his crop of young timber will show an increased growth in the future as a return for his pains. On most farms there is during the winter time a lull in farm work, which gives the farmer an opportunity to spend a little time in his woods. As this time would otherwise be unoccupied, whatever is accomplished in the woods is a clear gain. If, however, the farmer has a large area of woods, as is frequently the case in the Southern pine belt, he cannot begin to spend enough time in his woods to care for all of them properly. In other words, if he were to attempt to take first rate care of all of his trees he would be obliged to spend more time and labor on them than he could afford, especially if the cordwood and other products which he obtains in the thinning were