24th Q. Int: How many qualities of shingles are there in the trade?
Ans: I suppose 5 or 6 are known to the trade.
25th Q. Int: How are they designated from each other in the trade?
Ans: Well, some are Cypress, some Cedar, some Oak, some Pine and there are others.
26th Q. Int: What were these shingles, Pine, Cypress, or Cedar?
Ans: Well, my mind is not perfectly clear — this my mind is perfectly clear about, that they were of a totally good character and that they were Pine.
27th Q. Int: How many grades of Pine shingles are there in the trade?
Ans: We know of but two here: the shaved, and the sawed shingles.
28th Q. Int: Are not Pine shingles graded in the trade by the quantity of the knots in the shingles?
Ans: I don't think they are here — I have never sailed any Pine shingles except for the Government — I have never been guilty of the imposition of putting on Pine shingles — I have taken them off, and put on new ones, after they had been in use eleven years.
29th Q. Int: What was the price, in 1871, of the shingles used by Mr Thorne?
Ans: I can't say.
30th Q. Int: Did you make an estimate of the quantity of Shingles used?
Ans: I did not sir, with any degree of certainty or accuracy. There were more shingles used on the roof than were necessary, because the shingles on the high portion of the roof were not put on with dexterity.
31st Q. Int: What was the quality of the flooring used in the house?
Ans: It was inferior. It was in keeping with the character of the material used in the house.
32nd Q. Int: Did you examine the flooring in all the rooms?
Ans: I didn't give it a critical examination, but I saw it from the loft to the bottom and recognize it as of the same character.
33rd Q. Int: What was the defect in the quality of the flooring?
Ans: Well sir, Sap and Knots.
34th Q. Int: What was the grade of flooring as known to the trade by number or otherwise?
Ans: I suppose about second grade. The commonest kind of flooring that we get here would make as good flooring as that, provided you cut out the bad flaws. It might have been that kind of material or the waste would have been very great, which would have brought it up to flooring of the second grade.
35th Q. Int: What was the price of such flooring in 1871?
Ans: I judge it was from $3 to $3.50 per M per hundred feet. It might be what we call "Cargo Run", with the knots selected out of it.
36th Q. Int: Was there any difference in the quality of the flooring in the various rooms?
Ans: I don't think there was any perceptible difference.
37th Q. Int: Would you have been able to measure clearly the difference in quality after having been used five years?
Ans: Yes sir, certainly if the floors had been thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned.