

## LOGS TO BURN

Beech-wood fires burn bright and clear  
If the logs are kept a year:  
Store your Beech for Christmastide,  
With new-cut Holly laid beside.  
Chestnut's only good they say,  
If for years it's stored away;  
Birch and Fir wood burn too fast,  
Blaze too bright and do not last;  
Flames from Larch will shoot up high,  
Dangerously the sparks will fly.

But Ash-wood green and Ash-wood brown  
are fit for a Queen with a Golden crown.

Oaken logs if dry and old,  
Keep away the winters cold;  
Poplar gives a bitter smoke.  
Fills your eyes and makes you choke;  
Elm-wood burns like churchyard mould,  
Even the very flames are cold.  
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread-  
So, it is in Ireland said;  
Apple-wood will scent the room,  
Pear-wood smells like flowers in bloom,  
But Ash-wood wet and Ash-wood dry  
A king may warm his slippers by.

Anon

