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Sommario/riassunto	Wood, which always looks quite solid to the naked eye, actually possesses a very intricate and exquisite structure; developed by Nature primarily to fulfil the requirements of a growing tree. How well the structure satisfies the needs of a construction material as used by humans is quite another matter - so to speak. Besides being an important constructional material, wood is today also an important source of precursors for the medical and chemical compounds used by

human beings. These, and many other aspects of wood, are topics which materials science attempts to elucidate. When wood is used