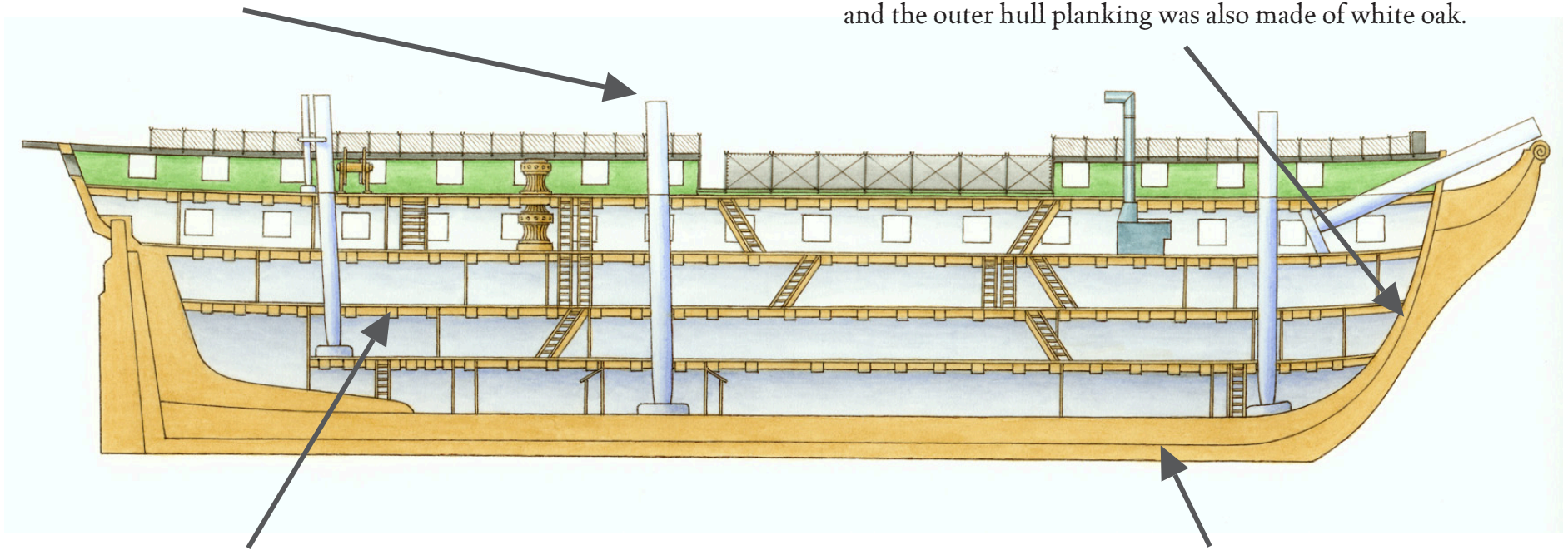


Description of Materials Used in Building USS *Constitution*

To build USS *Constitution*, the best materials were brought to Hartt's shipyard in Boston, Massachusetts. *Constitution's* builders used wood from all over the United States to build her strong hull. Each type of wood was ideally suited for its use.

Her three towering masts were formed of white pine.

The frames, or ribs, were fashioned from live oak cut in Georgia, and the outer hull planking was also made of white oak.



The deck beams were of white oak and the deck planking was made of southern pitch pine.

White oak from New England formed her backbone or keel.