Fir Tree Swallowed by Stronger Kindred

A correspondent of the Scientific American Magazine tells of a fir tree that swallowed another, that was brought into the sawmill at Springfield, Ore.

Not long ago a huge fir log nearly four feet in diameter was brought into the sawmill of the South-Kelly Lumber company, Springfield, Ore. During the process of sawing it was discovered that here was a tree that had evidently swallowed another one. Counting the growth rings, the larger outside tree was estimated to be 210 years old and the little inner one, 15 inches in diameter, 110 years old, at the time of cutting.

When and how the swallowing process took place is a matter of conjecture, but no doubt the two trees originally stood closely side by side, and in the course of growing came to press against one another to such an extent that they gradually became one. When the two trees first touched, both were young, the larger not much over 50 years old and the smaller around 35. The larger and more powerful slowly enfolded the smaller until it died from want of sun and air, after a struggle of many years' duration. Then the larger tree, evidently satisfied with its victory, kept on growing until the woodmen's axes laid it low about 75 years later.

Weeds or Flowers in Storage for Memory?

We possess many treasures that no longer have an existence anywhere but in our memories. The little bypath with its tangle of wild roses has changed to a paved street, the old home has given place to a shop with glaring front, the little group that used to gather at the piano could gather nowhere on earth now, but they are still ours.

Few of us prize as we should God's great gift of memory, or realize what a means of enrichment it is intended to be. Whether we will or not, we are continually storing it with supplies for our future. We may gather weeds or flowers, beauty or ugliness, and what we choose will determine what our memories shall hold in store. Every happy hour leaves its picture, every unworthy deed its blot. Is it not worth while to think of this in our crowded days, and choose what we will carry forward with us into the years ahead?—Montreal Family Herald.

Famous Hawaiian Dishes

The trouble with serving the Hawaiian national dishes—poi and lomilomi salmon—in other parts of the world is that few persons born outside the Hawaiian islands like poi.

Poi, however, is the Hawaiian staff of life. Everything the old-time Hawaiians eat is served as a side dish to poi. It is a gray, paste-like material, made by pounding the root of the taro plant. It is eaten with the fingers, and choice determines its thickness. It may be of one finger or three finger consistency.

The preparation of lomilomi salmon is simple. Uncooked salt salmon is picked into small bits. Chopped tomatoes and onions are added.

By no means are poi and lomilomi salmon mixed. It is culinary sacrilege in Hawaii to take poi other than straight.

Rigid Law of Life

The law of life, Herbert Spencer tells us, is to conform to our environment. But Jesus gives us the law of our environment, to which we must conform. Act as ye would have all men act, and you shall have abundant life. This is the law!

A certain manufacturer operated his factory in conformity to this law, and was astonished at his immediate prosperity. Not only was the quantity and quality of the product greatly improved, but the spirit of brotherly kindness permeated the whole establishment until mechanical organization gave way to living organism. The world is chaotic, nation against nation, employer against employee, rich against poor, because we are not co-operating. "Just the art of being kind is all the old world needs."—Rev. D. Raymond Taggart.

Odd Fire Escape

Devices for human safety always have been favorites with inventors. Back in the seventies when buildings were growing taller, ingenious minds turned freely to the invention of new-fangled fire escapes.

One of the oddest of these, says Popular Science Monthly, was in the form of a parachute attached to a headgear worn by the escaper. With this, declared the inventor, "a person may safely jump out of the window of a burning building from any height, and land, without injury and without the least danger, on the ground." To make doubly sure of such a landing, he further provided overshoes with thick rubber soles "to take up the concussion with the ground."

Travel Far for Ochre

Natives of Australia frequently travel several hundred miles afoot to obtain red ochre, which they use solely as paint for their bodies. This substance is obtained from small caves in the big Wongoon mountains, Mullewa district of west Australia, says the Sydney Bulletin. Trips are made on foot rather than on horses because if members of other tribes learn that a native is carrying the highly prized ochre the messenger stands small chance of surviving his trip.

SULLEN CONVICT GIVEN SOUND LASHING

Former Preacher and Check Flasher Claims Sickness and Will Not Work.

Greensboro, March 10.—Following a period of what is said to have been feigned illness and virtual insubordination, Rev. William E. Sullivan, white man, serving a term of 15 months on the roads of Guilford county following his conviction in Guilford Superior court last November in 11 separate and district cases of passing worthless checks, heroic treatment of his case was administered at the central convict camp Tuesday night. Nine lashes were administered to the bared portion of his body as he lay over an apparatus shaped exactly like half of a barrel.

The flogging was ordered by the board of county commissioners on Tuesday afternoon when Captain J. Giles Foushee, county commissioner in charge of convicts, told of the trouble Sullivan had been and continued to give Superintendent F. B. Greeson, in charge of the central camp, and his assistants. The drastic treatment was decided upon.

"I can't stand any such treatment," said Sullivan, as he was informed that he was to be whipped. "My heart is weak. I can't stand it." Dr. R. M. Buie, county health officer who is always required to be present when drastic and last resort treatment is necessary, was present with a stethoscope. "I know what he'll say before he examines me—he'll say I am all right. He does not know my insides," said Sullivan. Dr. Buie made a careful examination and remarked: "It won't hurt you on the inside Sullivan."

The whip, a leather strap about 18 inches in length attached to a handle of wood was unfurled in the hands of Martin Burrus, who was substituting for F. B. Greeson, superintendent, who has gone to Buffalo, N. Y., to get an escaped convict. The first lash brought a yell the second a louder one, the third an upstanding whippon. "Don't—I can't stand it," yelled Sullivan. "Oh, you can can," said Mr. Burrus. "I've never been treated like this before," the convict replied. "If you had been in your young days you wouldn't be here now," came back from some guard.

As the leather fell on the reddened, not from any flowing blood, but from the efforts of the spanking, flesh for the ninth time. Dr. Buie started to call a halt and Martin Burrus called one. The whipping was not brutal, in the stock sense of the word, but it was a stinging rebuke for the man who claims many ills, not one of which can be found by Dr. Buie.

Sullivan, facing 15 charges of passing worthless checks in High Point and Greensboro last November, was convicted in 11 of them and given sentences ranging from two to five months, while prayer for judgment was continued in others. Mrs. Sullivan, tried at the same time, was, in effect, exiled from the state by the wording of a suspended sentence.

Penalty on Taxes

Take Notice—That after March 31st a penalty on all unpaid taxes will be added. This is required by law and I have no discretion in the matter. All taxes not paid during March will have a penalty added to them and those who pay during this month will save themselves the additional cost.

Chas. L. Wright,
City Tax Collector.

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