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**PLANTS KILL EACH OTHER.**

Vigorous Growths Sometimes Destroy Other Vegetable Life.

The principle of competition is so active and so vigorous in the vegetable world that it keeps up a sort of domestic warfare among plants. The struggle to get on in the world is less noticeable in our latitude than it is in the tropics. Where the possibilities of reaching the most gigantic size are the greatest, there the individual plant struggles most eagerly to get into the foremost place. Plants are much like ourselves. As an instance of how one tree will take advantage of another, may be mentioned the conduct of what is called the parasitic fig. The seed of this plant is distributed by birds. Suppose one of these seeds happens to lodge in the fork of a fruit tree. It germinates as well there as it would on the ground. The young plant sends a long root down until it reaches the soil. Then it grows vigorously, and its first development is toward spreading itself all over the fruit tree, until it has smothered and killed it. The foster-child steps completely into the shoes of its foster-parent. Quite a fierce struggle, though a more open one, is maintained among members of the same family. The is reported in Nature of a species of heracleum which was allowed to seed freely. On June 1, 1880, there were 573 seedlings. On August 19 following only 105 of them remained. The missing ones had been pushed to the wall by the more vigorous survivors.

A more striking instance still of fierce and fatal competition is found in the case of the Brazil nut, inasmuch as here the conflict goes on among those that are of the same age. This fruit contains from fifteen to twenty-four seeds, which, all germinate at one time. The most vigorous one gets first through a small hole at the top to the open air and thereupon it struggles and feeds upon the rest.

All the reflections of modern scientific teaching, whenever these examples are touched upon, are made with regard to the remorselessness of nature; to the care for self and the absolute disregard for others. The one observation is that "in all cases the weakest goes to the wall." This is looking upon plant life as we often look upon our own lives. May it not be that plants are more like ourselves than the common view of the history admits and that we may look upon their fate with the more humanizing sentiment, "Whom the gods love die young."

**Very Conscientious.**

"We don't think our conductors are turning in all the fares they collect," said the manager of a street car line to one of his oldest employes. "You don't knock down, do you?"

"Yes, sir."

"You do! Why didn't you deny it?"

"Why, sir, my mother always taught me to despise a liar."—Epoch.

**Snakes of the Philippine Island.**  
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