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### CYPRESS KNEES.

How They Are Formed—Trees' Curious Blunt Roots.

The cypress knee is a familiar object in all the lowland forests of the south, but there are thousands of northern people who have never seen them, and there are many southern people, too, who have not seen them till they stumbled over them some dark night. The knee is of solid wood, has no limbs or leaves, is anywhere from six inches to six feet in height, and its rounded top and flattened sides give it very much the shape of a human leg bent at the knee till thigh and calf are brought together; hence the appropriate name of "knee."

For a number of years I was curious as to what part the knees played in the life of a cypress tree, writes a correspondent of Forest and Stream, for they are part of its root system and do not grow independently. They were not sprouts, trying to grow into trees, for they never developed branches, and the final conclusion was that their only use was for people to stumble over. How and why such useless appendages to the tree were formed was a mystery until one day when drifting down a deep channel which had been washed through a cypress swamp the secret was exposed.

The earth had been washed away from the roots of some of the trees, and roots in all stages of growth were in sight. None of these roots was less than two and one-half inches thick and of uniform size clear to their tips or rather clear to their blunt ends, for there was no tip.

Nature intended these roots to grow in soft mud, and they were all right for that purpose, but when the blunt end of a root encountered something too hard to push through it bent or buckled in the line of least resistance, and this was generally toward the top of the ground, and the continuing growth of the root pushing the bend further upward made the bend closer, until finally the two arms of the bend were close together and they grew together, with one sheet of bark inclosing both.

### MODEST GENERAL KUROKI.

The Japanese Commander Who Is Visiting the United States.

Despite the San Francisco school incident and the anti-Japanese agitation on the Pacific coast many pleasant attentions were shown General Baron Itel Kuroki when he landed at Seattle on his way to the Jamestown exposition, and the first courtesies extended him and his suit have been succeeded by others which prove that Americans retain vivid recollections of the heroic part he took in vanquishing the armies of the czar. At Seattle Japan's representative at the Jamestown tercentennial was the guest of the city and was welcomed by the governor of the state. There were fireworks when he landed, Japanese girls sang the national anthem of their country, and American school children covered his carriage



with flowers. During the war with Russia no Japanese commander won more praises from Americans for courage and good generalship than Kuroki. One of the characteristics of the distinguished soldier who greatly impressed foreign military attaches and others coming into intercourse with him in the field was his modesty. He has been likened to Grant in respect to this trait and also because of his perfect self control during an engagement.

Frederick Palmer, the noted war correspondent, who was with Kuroki during some of the fierce fights with Kuropatkin's men, has said that it will be necessary to depart from tradition when the sculptors perpetuate the figure of Kuroki in marble or bronze. He wrote as follows on this subject:

When the Japanese raise a statue to him I hope that he will not be riding a prancing steed and swinging his sword, for he never rode a prancing horse and never used his sword. To my recollection I never saw him make any gesture except to salute. The sculptor had best make him squatting and looking at a map while his staff except the younger men (the gallopers) were at his side. He could call for information or suggestions as quickly as the head of a great business house who has a row of push buttons on his desk.

General Kuroki is now sixty-two years old and is a veteran of four wars.

### WILLIAM OF ORANGE.

The Statue of Him Presented to King Edward by Kaiser Wilhelm.

Much attention has been directed to the gift from the German emperor to the king of England of a statue of William of Orange. It is a bronze figure nine feet high and the work of the German sculptor Heinrich Baucke, who was assisted in the modeling of the details of the costume, so as to make them historically correct, by the kaiser himself. A duplicate is to be erected on the terrace of the royal pal-



ace in Berlin. The site chosen for the statue presented to King Edward is in front of Kensington palace, and one of the buildings of this palace is the historic structure known as the Orangery. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the British premier, could not refrain from a little pun when in informing the house of commons of the German emperor's gift he alluded to the fact that most appropriately the statue of William of Orange would stand "in the neighborhood of the Orangery."

### ANCESTRAL APPETITES.

Table Feats of Some Famous Feeders of Bygone Days.

A generation holding critical views on a man's intelligent, or unwise, choice of parents is not likely to indulge in ancestor worship. But there are at least one or two things in which our ancestors were truly greater than we of the present day can ever aspire to be. Take them, for instance, at table. If ancient books on table etiquette are to be taken seriously, and there is no reason why they should not be, the ancestor was in the habit of gnawing bones a la chien and of disposing of them by the simple means of throwing them under the table or over his shoulder. He worked hard with his hands in the dishes, when a succulent but slippery morsel refused to come to him by means of knife and fork. He used his table napkin for unspeakable purposes and his fork in utter forgetfulness as comb or tooth-brush. In one sense, therefore, he did not know how to eat. Meanwhile, in another, he was truly great for the quantities of food which he caused to disappear at a single meal were nothing short of marvelous.

The records preserved of the ancestor's feats of the fork (and the fingers) are woefully thin, but now and again one of these very human documents in the form of a menu is unearthed and tells its own story. Such is the following list of dishes served in 1334 to a worthy citizen of Valencia on the occasion of his taking unto himself a wife. Across the space of close upon the six centuries the cranes and lamprays, the peacocks and boar's head of the feast made fine display. This is the order in which the fourteenth century wedding breakfast was served:

- MEENU.
- Roast crane, venison, lampray.
  - Peacock, pheasant, guinea fowl, osprey, snipe, pike.
  - Baked pomegranates, burnt almonds, vegetables, fish.
  - Eel pie and toast.
  - Galantine of sprats and cheese cakes.
  - Peacock, crane, pheasant.
  - Crayfish, boar's head and savouries.
  - Figs, medlars and wafers.
  - Wines.
  - Saint Jangon, Branne, Burgundy and Hook.

The Italians also were famous feeders and seem to have distinguished themselves in particular during the early days of the renaissance. The Bourbons valiantly followed suit, one of the most distinguished successes being scored by Louis XIV., of whom an eyewitness wrote: "I often saw him eat four plates of soup, a whole pheasant, a guinea fowl, a large dish of salad, several slices of mutton with garlic sauce, two large slices of ham, a dish of cake and dessert." The threats of his physicians finally reduced his majesty to such meager fare as two plates of pigeon broth and three roast fowls. According to Arenberg, the great king was later in life subject to attacks of indigestion.

The little suppers in the reign of the next Louis, though on a slightly less gigantic scale, are still sufficiently impressive. The Marquise d'Artenay, for instance, put before her guests after they came from the theater and before they went on to a dance this collation:

- Pigeon soup, with lentils and carrots.
- Chicken broth.
- Patties of fowl, veal, capon, pheasants, guinea fowl.
- Sweetbread and roast poulets.
- Baked starlings, wood pigeons, wild duck and snipe.
- Cakes, Sweets, Fruit.

It seems a pity no record is preserved of what happened at the dance following this supper party.

### A Big Fan.

A good deal of royal significance has been given to fans. They were symbols of authority in Mexico before the conquest. Queen Mary of England received on New Year's day in 1556 "7 fannes to keep the hete of the fyre." Queen Elizabeth favored the custom that a fan was the only present a sovereign could receive from a subject. Fans have not always been dainty trifles. Jean de Balzac, a French writer of the seventeenth century, wrote from Italy during the reign of Louis XIV. of the enormous fans in use there suspended from the ceiling and worked by four servants. He says, "I have a fan that makes wind enough in my chamber to wreck a ship."

### The Stone Was Not Thrown.

Genevieve's father occupied the pulpit. "Let him who is without sin among you be first to cast a stone," he chose for a text. Genevieve listened earnestly to the ensuing discourse. At the close of the service her mother tried in vain to dislodge her from the ministerial pew. Genevieve stood her ground till the rest of the congregation had passed out, then she looked up with a sigh of relief. "Well," she said, "I guess they've all sinned. Anyhow, nobody threw it."—New York Globe.

### A Thorough Optimist.

"Father," said the small boy, "what is an optimist?"  
 "An optimist, my son, is a man who believes the weather bureau when its predictions are favorable and who congratulates himself on its unreliability when they are not."—Washington Star.

### Its Hours.

"This watch will last a lifetime," remarked the jeweler as he handed the watch to the customer.  
 "Nonsense!" retorted the other. "Can't I see for myself that its hours are numbered?"

### Not Inherited.

Fond Papa—My baby says such bright things! Dyspeptic Uncle—And yet you want me to believe in this rot about heredity.—Baltimore American.

Garrick tried to abolish prologues and epilogues, but the audience of his day would not consent.

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