

The Age of a Tree.

The age of a tree is determined by the number of rings of wood its trunk contains. The woody fiber is slower in growing in winter than in summer, and consequently distinct rings are formed, each representing a year. By means of these rings the gigantic cross-section of a California tree, 1,341 years old, is used at the New York Museum of Natural History as a historical chart, and as such it shows in a novel way the sequence of events in the last thousand years.

A Mere Hint.

There is a little matter to which the Messenger begs to call the attention of some of its subscribers. We really hate to speak of it, but some have seemingly allowed it to slip their minds. To us this is a very important issue; in fact, it is necessary in our business. We won't speak further on the subject. Perhaps you have already guessed the drift of our remarks. —Minneapolis Messenger.

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