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Savage Methods of Following a Track.

(Chambers' Journal contains a review of a new book upon "The Shifts and Expedients of Camp Life," which gives the following interesting account of the methods employed in savage countries to follow the tracks of men or beasts.)

One of the most remarkable features of uncivilized life is the power savages show of tracking men and beasts over immense distances.

More especially, says our author, "is this the case if a fire sweeps over the plain immediately after, or if the wagon passes during or after a prairie fire."

At one place on this way I saw an orchard of unusual extent, in which there were at least eight kinds of fruit-trees—the fig, olive, apricot, quince, plum, lemon, apple, and the pomegranate growing up side by side.

At yet I have only referred to the very few that were in operation. The great plateau which stretches eastward from the lake of Tiberias to the Lejah, and south to Dera (Edra) and Gerasa, is one vast natural wheat field.

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Beyond the Jordan.

Mr. Selah Merrill, of the American Expedition in Palestine, sends from Beirut, May 10, to the London Athenaeum, a very interesting description of the country of Gilead, beyond the Jordan—a region hitherto only little known.

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