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Science and research have many times been directed toward computing the longevity of natural wood, but there are as many obstacles in the way of a satisfactory conclusion as there are species of wood. The action of climate, water, minerals, acids, contact with vegetable and animal matter, atmospheric changes, unnatural influences, all have their effect. Fragments of



SPRUCE TREE GROWING OVER A CEDAR LOG.

vessels which have been beneath the waves for hundreds of years have shown the timbers to be as firm and solid as when placed in position, yet this state of preservation is due to the action of the briny substances with which the wood has been saturated offsetting the destroying influences.

But the life of a wood, cut off by storm or the act of man or beast from the nutriment of the earth, when that life and resistance to decay is extended into centuries, proves wonderful to the most conservative scientists. Instances are rare where the wood, dead as far as connection with the vital force of roots and earth is concerned, and left exposed to the action of climate and vegetable and animal matter, has failed to succumb to decay within a century.

In the office of the Pacific Coast Lumber company in Chicago is a specimen of wood remarkable for its longevity and presenting a valuable lesson in natural history. It is a small slab of fragrant cedar, compact and unseamed, presenting the appearance of a carefully seasoned piece of wood. It is certainly well seasoned, for it has formed part of a piece of timber that has lain at the mercy of wind and storm for a period extending over at least 700 years. There is nothing remarkable in timber being taken from trees known to have lived thousands of years, but this little slab is taken from a log that has been dead, according to expert calculation, at least 700 years.

Near the town of Fairhaven, Wash., and a few miles from the Fairhaven & Southern railroad is a spruce and cedar forest. For years the inhabitants and visitors have viewed with interest a peculiar natural formation, and it became one of the sights of that section. It was a huge spruce tree, towering high in the air and far above many of its sturdy neighbors, healthy and sound, although its feeders were exposed in many directions. Down among its roots, yet above the surface of the ground, was a good-sized cedar log, and about this log grew the roots of the tree. Firmly secured was it, only to be removed by the hand of man through the destruction of its protector.

The woodsman, scientist and mathematician have decided that the spruce

tree was at least five hundred years old, and from the size of the log it must have taken in the neighborhood of two hundred years to attain its growth. The ends and major portion of the body of the log had been exposed all these years, and last fall, anxious to gain some idea of the longevity of Washington cedar, some responsible men cut the roots away and liberated the well-seasoned prisoner. The log was milled, being cut into small slabs, and the result was a surprise to the most sanguine. Not a weak spot existed, and the slabs presented the appearance of carefully nurtured and cured wood. The fiber is firm and solid, the grain is almost artistic in its perfection, the color is rich and dark, and the fragrant odor of cedar still remains. In its perfection it has proven a surprise and gives the palm for everlasting life to Washington cedar.

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