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THE WEeping WILLOW.

How A PRODUCT OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN EMIGRATED TO THIS COUNTRY.

HISTORY OF THE OLD TREE AT ABINGDON, VIRGINIA.

You have seen and admired the weeping willow tree, the salix babylonica; upon which the captive Hebrews hung their harps when they sat down by the river Babylon and wept, when they remembered Zion. It is a native of the Garden of Eden, and not of America, and I will tell you how it immigrated to this country. More than a hundred and fifty years ago a merchant lost his fortune. He went to Smyrna, a sea-side city in Asia Minor, to recover it. Alexander Pope, one of the greatest poets of England, was the merchants' warm friend and sympathized with him in his misfortunes. Soon after the merchant arrived in Smyrna he sent to Pope, as a present, a box of dried figs. At that time the poet had built a beautiful villa at Twickenham, on the bank of the river Thames, and was adorning it with trees, shrubbery and flowering plants. On opening the box of figs, Pope discovered in it a small twig of the tree. It was a stranger to him, as it came from the east.

He Planted the Twig

In the ground near the river, close by his villa. The spot accidentally chosen for the plant happened to be a favorable one to its growth, for the twig was from the weeping willow tree, probably from the bank of one of the rivers of Babylon, which flourishes best along the border of water courses. This little twig grew vigorously, and in a few years it became a large tree spreading wide its branches and drooping, graceful sprays, and winning the admiration of the poets friends as well as strangers. It became the ancestor of all the weeping willows in England. There was a rebellion in the English-American colonies in 1775. British troops were sent to Boston to put down the insurrection. Their leaders expected to end it in a few weeks of their arrival. Some young officers brought fishing tackle with them to enable them to enjoy sport after the brief war. Others came to settle on the confiscated lands of the rebels. Among the latter was a young officer on the staff of Gen. Howe. He brought with him, wrapped in oil silk, a twig from

Pope's Weeping Willow

at Twickenham, which he intended to plant on some stream watering his American estate. Washington commanded an army before Boston which kept the British imprisoned in that city a long time against their will. On his staff was his stepson, John Park Custis, who frequently went to the British headquarters under cover of a flag, with dispatches to Gen. Howe. He became acquainted with the young officer who had the willow twig, and they became friends. Instead of crushing the rebellion in six weeks, the British army at Boston, at the end of an imprisonment of nine months, was glad to fly by sea for life and liberty to Halifax. Long before the flight the British subaltern, satisfied that he should never have an estate in America to adorn, gave his carefully-preserved willow twig to young Custis, who planted it at Abingdon, his estate in Virginia, where

It Grew and Flourished.

And became a parent of all the weeping willows in the United States. Some time after the war Gen. Horatio Gates, of the revolution, settled on Rose Hill farm, on New York island, and at the entrance to a lane that led from a country road to his country house he planted a twig from the vigorous willow at Abingdon, which he had brought with him. That road is now Third avenue and the lane is Third-second street. Gates mansion, built of wood, and two stories in height, stood near the corner of Twenty-seventh street and Second avenue, where I saw it

consumed by fire in 1815. The tree which grew from the twig planted at the entrance to Gates lane remained until comparatively a few years ago. It stood on the north-east corner of Third avenue and Twenty-second street. It was a direct descendant, in the third generation, of Popes willow, planted at Twickenham about 1723.

Fresh Jukes.

The cows eat it the true food for reflection. An open Greek bible in a store window displays the words: "Make your own revision."

A Philadelphia woman took her silver comb to a dentist to have a broken tooth put in. Eli Perkins says it is impossible to please everybody. You're wrong, Eli. Stop iserting and see.

Do not tell a man he lies. It is vulgar. Say that his conversation suggests to your mind a summer resort circular.

If a tramp should happen to call at the door, he can be told that there is great demand for hay-makers in the country.

A New Milford cat catches weasels. It catches them after they get out of bed in the morning, as you can't catch a weasel asleep.

The price of carriages for funerals in New York has been raised twenty per cent. They're bound the sorrow exhibited by mourners shall be sincere.

The revised New Testament is to be translated into Welsh. It is understood that the word hillywdydydd had been changed to ddnyddhdhdwycebox.

A lady wishes to know the best way for marking the table linen. Blackberry pie is our choice; although a lady with a gravy dish is highly esteemed by many.

And now Italy is getting ready to resume specie payments. Green-backers, you should look into this. Go to Italy by all means. They like to get all the lines they can there.

If any of the foolish things that foolish men can do is any more foolish or indefensible than talking to enjoy sport after the brief war. Others came to settle on the confiscated lands of the rebels.

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AT SEA IN A SHELL.

THE SUFFERINGS OF A WHALING PARTY WHO WERE LOST IN MID-OCEAN.

ATTACKED BY A MADMAN—MISCELLANEOUS MISAPHS.

Provincetown, Mass., Letter.

Capt. Charles Sparks, who, with his boats crew, was previously reported lost from the whaling schooner Edward Lee, has arrived here and makes the following statement: Both of the boats left the vessel at 12:30 P. M., May 14th, a school of sperm whales being in sight. The mate went on and fastened to one, the captain also giving chase but not succeeding in getting near enough to strike one of them, and being some distance from the vessel he gave it up at four o'clock and started to return to the vessel. At five o'clock he sighted the vessel, which was heading for them, and night coming on, they steered their boat by compass in the direction

The vessel was Last Seen.

But not seeing either the vessel or its light, at eight o'clock that evening, they lay to and lay until morning. At daylight the captain and five men with him in a whale-boat, found nothing in sight. The conviction then forced itself upon them that they were lost in mid-ocean, fully one thousand miles from land. They had no clothing but shirts and pantaloons, not a coat or jacket, and every one of the six persons were barefoot. When they left their vessel the breaker was full of water, but every drop was drank before giving up the chase for whales. On the sixth day they saw a school of small sperm whales, and succeeded in capturing one, from which they cut about fifteen pounds of flesh, which was eaten raw, lasting two days, when they again suffered from the pangs of hunger. Rain showers could be seen passing each side of the boat, but very little fell on them. In the whole eleven days he judged that two gallons of water was caught in the boat, but being mixed with salt water, did not quench their thirst. Sometimes a mist in the night would wet their shirts, which were greedily sucked. One night a flying fish

Came into the Boat.

It was greedily eaten. The 25th day of May, eleventh day after leaving their vessel, with every person weakened from exposure and want of food and water, and one of the crew lying helpless in the bottom of the boat, they fell in with a German bark and told the captain of their situation, but received no invitation to come on board. They begged of the captain to give them food and water. The captain made no reply, but in about ten minutes the cook brought each man a small drop of water and one hard-tack. Capt. Sparks asked for accommodation for himself and crew but was sternly refused, and told to go on board of another vessel that had come in sight. The second vessel was about two miles away and proved to be the German bark A. Klockman, Capt. Abel, of Memei, who took Capt. Sparks and crew on board and gave them such treatment as they needed. They were on board the Klockman twenty-two days, when they landed at Pensacola. Capt. Sparks makes particular mention of kind treatment at Pensacola from lodges of Masons and Odd Fellows, of which orders he is a member.

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