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AN AVIATION FIELD

By all means let Albany be prepared to take advantage of the future developments in air service. It will not be long until airplanes are buzzing up and down the valley carrying mail and passengers. Albany is admirably located for headquarters for the patrol work over forests of Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties. This phase of the plane's development is assured. Through the efforts of a few live wires a temporary landing field has been secured and put in shape, but there must be a permanent field, properly equipped and fitted for the convenience of flyers and their mechanics. The city council has taken the right step, out the cooperation of the entire city is necessary.

PLANTED BY BIRDS

Simple Reason for Uncommon Position of Trees.

Tall Palmyra Palm Growing on Top of Bengal Fig Presents Curious Appearance—Naturalists Explain Apparent Phenomenon.

Every one has heard of small trees getting sown on larger ones, and appearing like little babies on the branches of their hosts. But in India it is, in some parts, fairly common to see the tall Palmyra palm growing as it from the top of the tree called Bengal fig. The appearance this presents is most curious and it has engaged the attention of nearly all travelers in the Thana district of Bombay, where the palm is especially abundant.

If one faunties how incongruous a very tall telegraph pole fixed into the middle of an oak tree and surmounted by a small crown of fan-shaped leaves would look, it can be realized how astonishing the first encounter with the Palmyra palm must be, when similarly united with a fig tree. An explanation, of course, had to be found, and the first casual observers might be divided into those that thought it a case of a hybrid, and the remainder who considered it a graft. But botanists know that no hybrid or graft has ever been produced between two species that are so distantly related as those in question. As a matter of fact, the introduction of these two friends to each other is made by some of the pretty little birds that abound in the region, including a few of the humming birds. Their principal food, George Michael Ryan tells us, consists of the minute fruits of the wild fig trees.

After collecting a few of these, they usually fly off to the top of a tall palm to enjoy them in peace. Some of the seeds fall and become lodged in the joints where the leaves spring from the stem. Here, in process of time, they germinate, throwing out roots below and branches and leaves above. But the roots of these fig trees are not content to draw their moisture and food from the little pocket of sand and dust into which they happen to fall. They soon multiply and spread far beyond their original home, into a thick network that covers and envelops the whole of the lower part of the Palmyra stem. Branches at the same time multiply above, forming a large bush, which, with the roots, monopolizes the situation and makes the palm look like a mere adjunct. But the palm does not mind. All the air it wants is for the leaves above.

The encircling sheath of fig roots, moreover, cause it no inconvenience, because it would not, in any case, in-

crease in girth after it had once risen from the ground. It is, in fact, a case of symbiosis or mutual accommodation between the two species. The palm gives the necessary assistance to the baby fig, and afterward support to its maturing branches, while the foliage which these bear provides welcome shade to the roots of its patron.—Journal of Natural History Society of Bombay.

Film Stars Must Oculate.

The police of Japan do not like to see kissing in public and therefore film stars are not permitted to occlude on the screen. In six months up to March 1 the police censors removed 2,350 kisses from films. Only one kiss was allowed to remain. It was a kiss granted to Columbus by Queen Isabella and was shown in Tokyo only, as the censors deleted it before permitting the photoplay "Columbus" to discover the provinces.

Three hundred and fifty-three embraces were omitted from films, states the Far East. The titles of 2,144 photoplays were altered by the censors and 127 murder scenes were killed. Reels entirely prohibited numbered 57. Most films shown in Japan are from America and a large proportion of them originally contain a little kiss or so, showing the difference in standards between east and west.

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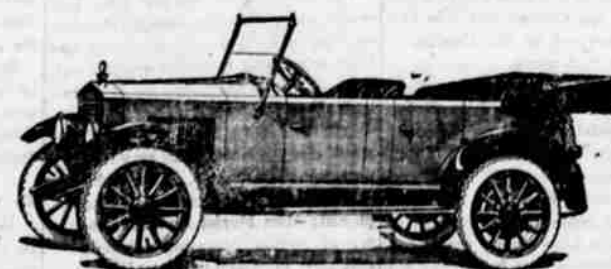


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