



Trees . . .
 By JOHN GRIBBLE
 (Editor's note: The following comments on trees, particularly those adaptable to street use in Medford, have been prepared by John Gribble, well-known retired forester, and will be run in a series during the "tree planting season" here, now under way.)

Ginkgo (biloba) - Maiden-hair-tree.
 The Ginkgo (Gink'-go) is one of the most primitive of our trees, and botanically it ranges beneath the flowering, and even beneath the conifers. In appearance the Ginkgo is perhaps the most Japanese, the leaves being fan-shaped. The Ginkgo, like the Metasequoia glyptostroboides, was apparently carried over from a previous age in Australia and China - perhaps in Japan. Both trees were, and maybe in places are yet, recognized as a shrine.
 The Ginkgo usually grows with a single trunk to a height of 120 feet. The bark is ashy gray, branches nearly parallel, twigs are yellowish-brown and smooth. The bark on twigs separates in shreds. The fan-shaped leaves are alternate, in clusters of 3 to 5 on spurs, and 2 to 3 1/2 inches across and more or less incised, and turn yellow in fall. This tree is indifferent to heavy or light soil, and transplants easily.
 Male trees only should be planted, because the fruit is obvoid, yellowish and ill-smelling, due to fatty acid called ginkgoic acid.
 A beautiful specimen of the Ginkgo is in yard near the northwest corner of the house at 122 Oregon Terrace, end of Queen Ann st. This tree is 50 to 60 years old. A younger tree is in the yard at Park View Home, 906 West Main st., one in the parking strip at 820 West Fourth st. There are a few others in Medford.
 Ginkgos are for Havana and Sutter streets, 70 to 80 feet apart.

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