An Agate Bridge.

Among the great American wonders is the silicified forest known as Chalcedony Park, situated eight miles south of Corrizio, a station on the Atlantic & Pacific railroad, in Apache County, Arizona. The country formation is sandstone on volcanic ash, and the trees are exposed in gulches and basins where the water has worn the sandstone away, or are buried beneath the sandstone, their ends protruding from between the formations. The locality was noticed in 1853 by the Pacific railroad exploring survey. The jasper and agate generally replaced the cell walls and fibers, and the transparent quartz filled the cells and interstices, especially where the structure was broken down by decay. These cell centers and cavities produced conditions favorable not only for the deposition of silica as quartz, but also for the formation of the drusy crystallina cavities of quartz and amethyst that so increase the beauty of the material.

There is every evidence to show that the trees grew beside some inland sea. After falling they became water-logged, and during decomposition the cell structure of the wood was entirely replaced by the silica from the sandstone in the walls surrounding this great inland sea. Major John W. Powell, who has visited all these regions, says: "The wood consisted of logs water-rolled before burial and are now gradually weathering out of their matrix. The inclosing rock is sandstone and cretaceous shale of the series known as Jura-trias, and lying immediately above the Chinarump. Agatized wood containing much semiopal has been formed in California (and possibly in Arizonia) under volcanic deposits, but the wood in question is not associated with volcanic material; its matrix is sedimentary."

The red and yellow coloring matter is derived from the oxide of iron in the sandstone, which is red, and the black may be due to partial carbonization or to the oxide of manganese. The bark in nearly every case has been decayed before silicification, and even part of the other layers of the tree is often gone, but the difference between the oxidation on the surface and inside is that the surface to the depth of half an inch is so altered and changed that it has the appearance of bark, and is generally supposed to be such.

A phenomenon perhaps unparalleled and the most remarkable feature of the park is a natural bridge formed by a tree of agatized wood spanning a canon 45 feet in width. In addition to the span fully fifty feet of the tree rests on one side, making it visible for a length of over 100 feet. Both ends of the tree are imbedded in the sandstone. It averages 3½ feet in diameter, 4 feet at the thickest part, and three at the smallest. Where the bark does not adhere the characteristic colors of jasper and agate are seen. Although the wood is beautiful to the naked eye a microscope is needed to reveal its greatest charms; not only does the glass enhance the brilliancy of its colors, but it renders visible the structure, which has been perfectly preserved, even to the forms of minute cells, and is more beautiful now than before the transformation.

Dr. P. H. Dudley examined microscopically some sections of this wood and found that part of it, at least, belongs to the genus Araucaria, one species of which, Araucaria excelsa, the Norfolk Island pine of the South Pacific Ocean, according to the same authority, grows to a height of 100 to 200 feet. Other portions were found to resemble our red cedar, Juniperus Virginiana, when grown in the extreme South. The cell structure of some of the wood indicates growth in a mild, uniform climate, the annual rings being marked by only one, two, three or more slightly smaller hexagonal or rounded, not tabular cells, as is usually the case. The name of "Chinarump" has been suggested for this material by Major John M. Powell, this being the Indian name for the substance. These trees, according to one of the Indian myths, were believed to be the bolts of the arrows used by their god. It has been extensively used by them in making spear and arrow points.

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