Noble Bay Tree Has Long Been Associated With Man

The noble bay tree has been associated with man for many centuries. In the thirty-seventh Psalm is stated: "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree." Peculiarly enough, it was this same bay to which the ancient Greeks and later the Romans turned for the "laurel" for the brows of warrior heroes, according to an authority in the Los Angeles Times.

The Roman Caesars wore bay leaves as a circle crown. Sometimes they used a gold imitation of the living plant. The famous Napoleonic wreath was a circle branch of laurel inclosing the letter "N."

In Grecian mythology it is related that Daphne was transformed into a bay tree and that her lover, Apollo, placed a crown of leaves upon his head. The fragrant flowering shrub, botanically named daphne, is in many lands known as laurel.

At the Pythian games held to commemorate the mythical Apollo's victory over the Python, a crown of laurel was the prize. The statue of Aesculapius, the son of Apollo and the god of medicine and music, was adorned with laurel leaves. This was done to propitiate that deity — who assuredly would guard and protect from harm any place where he found this emblem of his beloved Daphne.

This fragrant plant was worn by the Delphic priestesses when engaged in their sacrificial rites, during which they chewed the leaves and strewed them over the sacred fires.

Cordwainers Held Rank Among Makers of Shoes

Frequently referred to by dramatists and pamphleteers as "The Gentle Craft," the official designation of those who followed the trade of making and repairing shoes under the old guild organization, was that of cordwainers. This did not mean they worked with rope or cordage, says the American Collector, but with Crodovan leather, a distinct variety originally made at Cordova, Spain, tanned to softness like cloth and dyed in many colors.

The raw material was goat hide. By the middle of the Fourteenth century when making shoes had risen to the standing of guild brotherhood in England with a coat of arms duly recorded by the College of Heraldry, the goat, source of Cordovan leather, played an important part in the insignia. In the crest and on the shield, a goat's head was the chief motif.

In "The General Descriptions of All Trades," published 1747 in London by T. Waller, the Cordwainers company is listed as the twenty-seventh of the city companies. Here it is stated that "the business of shoe mending though too often ridiculed by the vulgar is very profitable and employs a great many hands and some do their work so cleverly as hardly to be discovered from new."

Bird Feathers

Bird feathers, in their symmetry and coloring, and, above all, purpose, and true fulfillment of that purpose, are among the most wonderful natural objects, whether we consider them in the aggregate or singly, one by one. Scientific studies have shown that even the smallest birds have hundreds of feathers each year, to keep them warm, shed water and, above all, form the wings and tail, without which no bird could be a bird at all, but a pathetic something in a strange and hostile world. Their feathers are their truest indicators, as we look at them. It is the feathers we see, and keep in mind, in determining the species, in most cases of identification.

Botany's Founder

Carl Linne was born in south Sweden 1707, the minister's son, who was to become best known as Linnaeus, founder of modern botany. His writings, classics today, were barred from some European countries in the 18th century because they described his discovery of a sexual system in plants. He was first to establish that the vegetable is made up of males, females and neuters, too.

Girls' Friendly Society

The parent society of the Girls' Friendly society was founded in England in 1875. In this country the organization was founded at Lowell, Mass., in 1877, to develop character and provide friendship for girls of every age, race and creed, through a flexible program of recreation, service, work and worship adapted to community and group needs.

Highest Church Steeple

The highest church steeple in the world is in Ulm, Germany. It reaches 528 feet above the ground, and dates from the Middle Ages. It is more than 100 feet higher than that of Todt hill, Staten island, the highest point on the Atlantic coast of the United States.

Squeaking of Wood Spokes

Squeaking of wood wheel spokes is caused by the dryness of the wood. To prevent further drying of the wood and to stop the squeaks, apply as much hot raw linseed oil as the wood will absorb.

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GOLD DIGGERS AT THE NEW LYCEUM THEATRE THREE NIGHTS NEXT WEEK

Dick Powell, Joan Blondell, Victor Moore, 200 Girls, Featured In Warner Bros.' Musical

Every two years there is presented to the movie-fans of the world, under the generic title of "Gold Diggers," a big and merry melange of rich comedy, songs that become hits, and pretty, fast-stepping dancing girls by the hundreds. Warner Bros. originated this idea and have carried it out with unfailing success.

"Gold Diggers of 1937", the current edition, will come to the New Lyceum Theatre, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 11, 12 and 13 and send a succession of highly-pleased audiences homeward with smiles on their faces and the hum of gay music on their lips.

Dick Powell and Joan Blondell are the stars. It will be an unforgettable picture for both of them, because it was during the making of this big musical htat their courtship was conducted. And it was on the day after their last scene together that they were married and started honey-mooning.

Both look very gay and happy in the picture. Dick sings as splendidly as ever, and Joan joins in with a pleasingly harmonious voice.

"Speaking of the Weather" probably will be sung and whistled about town. So will "Let's Put Our Heads Together," "Hush Mah Mouth" and "Life Insurance." The Warner studio team of Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg wrote these.

A smashing military number called "All is Fair in Love and War" was done by another hitmaking team, Harry Warren and Al Dubin. This introduces 200 girls in amazing precision drills and dances with flags and drums—directed, of course, by the famed Busby Berkeley.

A logical enough comedy-yarn is provided ,upon which the songs and dances are strong. It has to do with Powell ,as an unsuccessful life insurance salesman, selling a million dollar policy on the life of Victor Moorefi a leading theatrical producer. Moore takes a fancy to him and makes him head of his stage enterprises.

Joan Blondell and Glenda Farrel, as chorus girls out of a job, continue the fast and funny gold-digging that they made famous in previous editions of the series. And with Joan and Dick romancing through the picture, and Glenda falling in love with Moore—whom she had set out to "take over"—there's plenty of love interest.

A new and sprightly eccentric dancer, a tall, lank youngster named Lee Dixon from the New York stage, makes his film debut in "Gold Diggers of 1937," and surprises and delights audiences.

Then there is the fresh and flippant Glenda Farrell, the peculiarly funny Osgood Perkins, Olin Howland, a pert brunette newcomer, Charles D. Brown, William Davidson and a dozen other well-known comedians—and, of course, Busby Berkeley's 200 dancing girls.

The girls are slightly taller, slightly heavier, and less blonde, the statistics tell, than the girls of previous "Gold Diggers." This show is the fourth of the sreies, the other being shown in 1935, 1933 and 1929.

Lloyd Bacon directed the dramatic part of the current production from a screen play by Warren Duff.

The settings of the 1937 "Gold Diggers' 'are larger and more imposing than those of any previous one of the series. There's an immense convention hall in Atlantic City, a vast estate on Long Island and a complete theatre in New York, among others.

VISITORS TO AND FROM KENNEDYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Hague Fogwell are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl in Chestertown hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs. Parsons returned to her home near Rock Hall on Monday after spending the past two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Mary Miller. We are glad to say Mrs. Miller is able to be about again.

Mrs. Cain visited her sister in Milford, Del., last week.

Miss Sophie Miller spent last Friday with her sister, Mrs. William Bonwell and Mr. Bonwell.

Miss Anna Oliff and Rodger Ringgold are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Garey entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony of Millington, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anthony and children and Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony and Billy at dinner on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kirby visited Dr. and Mrs. Urie near Wilmington, on New Years Day.

Mr. Vernon Hill and friend, of Chester visited Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hurlock on New Years Day. Mrs. Hill and Margueret Ann returned home with them.

Mr. Allen Bauscher and sister Miss Helen Bauscher and friend, of Baltimore spent the week end with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Bauscher.

Miss Anna Simmonds returned home on Sunday after a weeks visit with her friend, Mrs. Lin Redmile.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hurlock entertained Mrs. Ada Hitch and son, Bobby and freind, of Queenstown, Mrs. Walter Hill and Margaret Ann and Mrs. Rachiel Hill on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony entertained at a turkey dinner on Saturday their guests and Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony, of Millington; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anthony and children, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Garey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Crow, entertained Mr. Harry Hill and family on New Years' day.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Hedley and Mary Oliff, of Chester, spent Sunday here with relatives. Miss Helen Oliff returned home with them.

Mrs. Rementon and baby returned from Philadlephia on Saturday.

Mrs. Rachiel Hill and Mrs. William Hurlock left on Sunday to visit in Philadelphia. Mrs. Hill expects to remain for the winter.

Mr. Hepbron Gill and family, of Lansdown, Pa., visited relatives here on New Years Day.

Mrs. Warner Garey, Mrs. Garey and Francis and Mrs. Weer and Marie visited Mr. and Mrs. Anthony near Millington on Wednesday.

Miss Annie Weer returned to her home in Baltimore on Saturday after spending the holidays with Mrs. James Weer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray King and Mr. and Mrs. Homer King spent the week end with relatives in New York.

Jean King spent the week end with her grandmother, Mrs. Dora King.

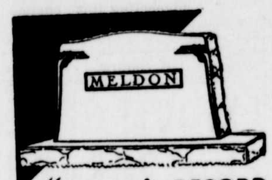
Miss Eleanor Canessa, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. John Hessner and Mr. Hessner.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rutter entertained Mr. and Mrs. Kidd and son, of Haddonfield, N. J., on New Years' Day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ringgold and Rodger spent the week end with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Hope Copper moved to their new home near Still Pond last week.

Miss Catherine Atwell spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. John Atwell.



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