

THE OLD HAWTHORN
The Hawthorn at the turning of the road
Was clad with ivy, and a little bent
With weight of ages and a heavy load
Of homes that made a warblers' settlement.
Blackbirds and thrushes loved to sing their songs
Upon its blossomed twigs; beneath there sprung
Fox-tongues and ferns and primrose in throngs,
I gathered bouquets there when I was young.
And sometimes, when I have a lone-some day,
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Rhodes' Dream for Africa

In the Cape Times, Mr. H. E. V. Pickstone, a well-known South African pioneer, gives some interesting reminiscences about Cecil Rhodes and Dr. Jameson and their plan for a great fruit trading company, which was planned a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Pickstone, it appears, had been employed by a company in which Rhodes had an interest, but feeling himself unfairly treated, he left. He had £100 in his pocket, and Rhodes sent for him and asked him his plans. He said that he intended to go into the nursery business, because "it is no use talking about fruit growing in South Africa until you have the right varieties to plant." He told Rhodes that he had £100 in his pocket, and Rhodes lent him £150, and his secretary another £150. Thus the firm of H. E. V. Pickstone was launched. Mr. Pickstone bought a farm in the Great Drakenstein Valley and asked him what the rest of the land in the valley could be bought for. The valley was five miles long by two or three miles across, and there were several good farms there, as well as a couple of hamlets. Rhodes estimated that it would cost a quarter of a million pounds. "All right," said Rhodes, "go ahead and buy it." This was the birth of the celebrated Rhodes Fruit Farms, which have done so much for the fruit industry in South Africa. Shortly before the outbreak of the Boer War, Pickstone visited Rhodes and there met Rufus Kipling and Sir James Metcalfe. They sat up most of the night discussing the Rhodes Fruit Farms, which was the birth of an advertising agent instead of a novelist. It was understood that he should write the advertisements for the new company. But the war intervened, and the Rhodes Fruit Farms was never carried out. The Rhodes farms, however, became part of the Empire Builders' great scheme. Pickstone and Mr. Kipling kept his eye on them.

When Kimberly was relieved Pickstone was sent for by Rhodes and stayed with him for a day at a sanatorium. The next day there was a meeting of the De Beers directors to which Rhodes insisted that Pickstone should go, and much to the astonishment of Pickstone, he was the following day at the "Gentlemen," you all know Mr. Pickstone. He is managing our farms for us, and he has come up with a plan to take him for life. What we are going to do is this: We are going to buy his farms, and we are going to buy his farms, and we are going to buy his farms for it. I know it well—at a big price, and we are going to amalgamate Mr. Pickstone's interests with our own. Now," he said, "as you know, everything is in a state of confusion. Rhodes' Fruit Farms and many other large concerns are being sold, and we are going to buy them. I should never have bought them except for Mr. Pickstone, and we are going to buy them. Rhodes' Fruit Farms and many other large concerns are being sold, and we are going to buy them. I should never have bought them except for Mr. Pickstone, and we are going to buy them. Rhodes' Fruit Farms and many other large concerns are being sold, and we are going to buy them. I should never have bought them except for Mr. Pickstone, and we are going to buy them.

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Faithfully yours,
IRVING S. ROBERTSON,
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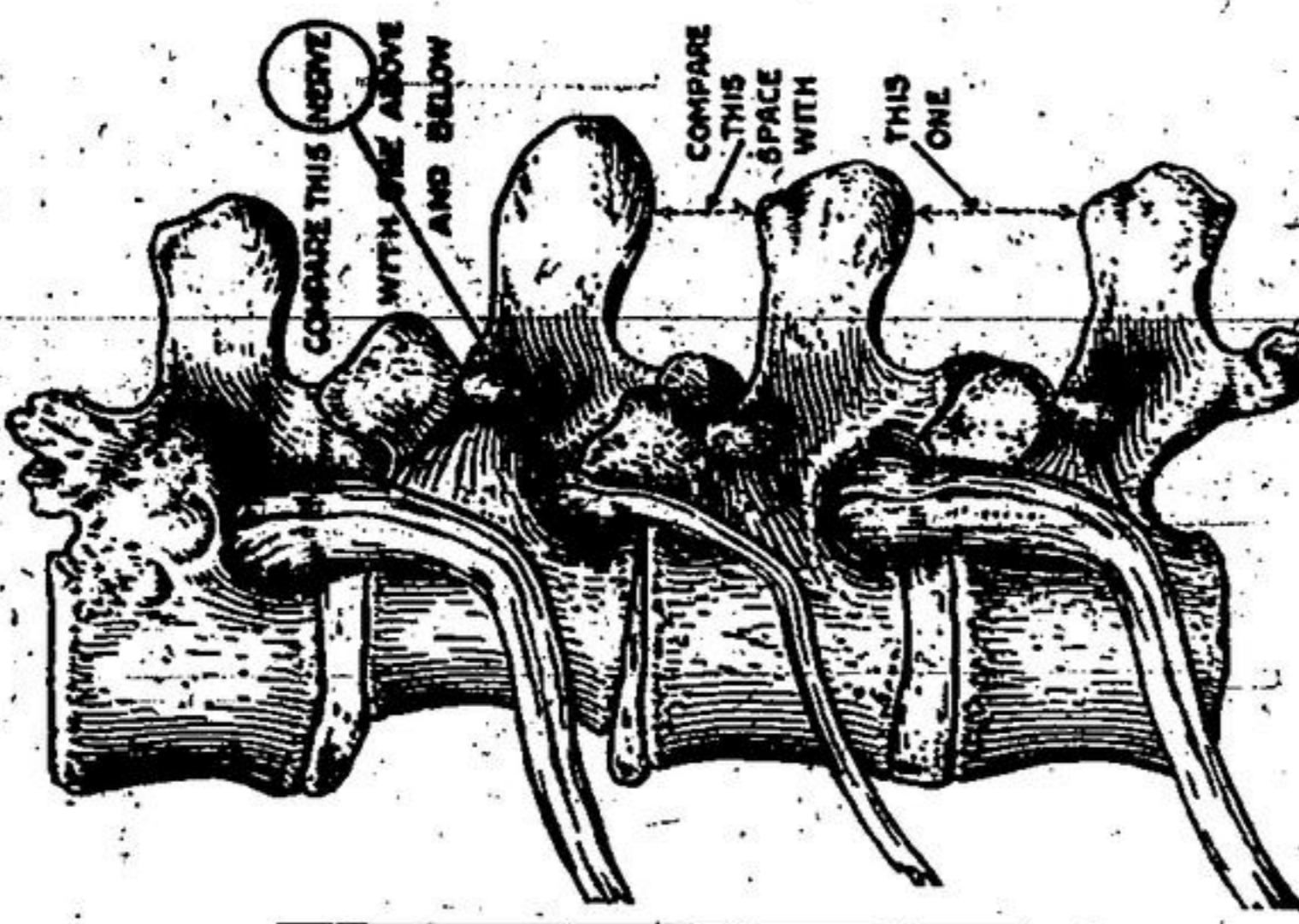
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