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Butternut, Native Tree;

Prized by the Pioneers The butternut is a native tree, little cultivated but of great use and value. The ash-colored bark is furrowed longitudinally in rather even ridges and its leaves are the largest of any North country tree. They are compound, being made up from 11 to 19 leaflets, and are often over 18 inches in length. They ripen and drop earlier than do those of any other tree. So loosely are the leaflets attached that they are frequently blown off while the long midribs remains attached to the branch. In the spring butternuts are very late opening out their leaves.

The winter buds of a butternut are large and interesting to examinc; observes a writer in the Rural New-Yorker. Beneath each one is a horse-shaped scar where the midrib of last year's leaf was attached. Covering the buds are big scales which peel backwards as the bud expands in opening.

The sap of the tree is very sweet and makes a delicious syrup. It will not harden into sugar, however, as the maple does. -.

The nuts are large and are covered with a thick, hard shell inside a husk. The pioneers wore shirts of linsy-woolsy which were dyed with butternut husks. The nut meats are very rich in oil and have a delicious

The early settlers supposed the butternut oil to have medicinal uses. This they learned from the Indians.

Hippopotamus May Weigh

As Much as an Elephant The common hippopotamus (often called "hippo," for short) weighs about as much as the Indian elephant, but is not so heavy, on the average, as the African elephant. A big hippo may weigh four tons. Sometimes hippos are captured on land at night, with the help of traps. The flesh is good to eat, the tusks are valued for ivory, and the hide is used in making whips.

Armed with spears and an iron harpoon, the natives chase the animal in a canoe, writes a correspondent in the Portland Oregonian. When the harpoon is hurled the hippo makes a sudden leap. The hunters play out a long rope, in much the same way a fisherman plays his line for a game fish. This opens a battle which may or may not prove "merry." Down the stream at full speed dashes the hippo, towing the canoe with great ease. Sometimes the angry beast turns around, attacking the boat and upsetting it. That is a signal for the hunters to dive. In other cases the hippo swims into shallow water. Then the natives jump out and do their best to finish the fight with spears. If they succeed, they obtain many hundreds of pounds of meat for the tribe.

Not First Dictionary

Contrary to general belief, even among scholars, Dr. Samuel Johnson's "Dictionary," which was compiled about 1750, was not the first dictionary of the English language.... although it was by far the best one ever produced at that time. The first compilation of this sort, says Pearson's London Weekly, was "The English Dictionarie," in 1623, by the lexicographer Henry Cockeram. Before this, in 1604, Robert Cawdrey had compiled a "Table Alphabeticall of Hard Words," but this was hardly a dictionary in the sense that Cockeram's was. Cockeram, in his dictionary, urged young writers "to acquire a learned style by looking up the simple words" they knew and to "find synonyms of such length as to astonish their readers."

How the Kangaroo Fights

Normally the kangaroo is as peaceful and harmless as a lamb, but when hunted by dogs he is likely to turn and attack. The 'roo generally backs up to a tree or rock, the dog jumps for a throat-hold and promptly is encompassed in short, strong forelegs. Then with his powerful hind legs, ending in a wicked claw, the kangaroo proceeds to rip the dog's hide. At other times the 'roo will stand in a pool of water. seize the dog as it dashes to the attack and hold it under water until the last gasp. The "Old Man" Kangaroo may be eight or nine feet tall when standing on its toes, but the species comes in many sizes down to specimens measured in inches.

Old-Timers Had Trade Secrets In early times cities strove with each other for the leather trade, as they did for the lace trade, when hand-made lace was in great demand at fabulous prices. Tanners were encouraged to find new processes by which a fine new leather could be produced. The formula was kept secret and the product was put upon the market under the name of the city in which it was produced. Thus trade secrets are as old as industry and tanning is among the oldest of industries.

Removed White House Bathtub When Andrew Jackson was President he had a crude bathtub removed from the White House which Dolly Madison had installed there. and it was 22 years later before another one was put in. It was installed there for President Fillmore. who was noted for his neatness and his cleanly habits, and whose wife introduced the bathing practice in the executive mansion as a preventive against malaria, then prevalent in Washington.

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