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History was painted on the tiles of the fireplaces built by the Camp Fire girls in Community house. For the most part our tiles are used in floor and fireplace as a decorative element. The faience tiles have become popular of late so that decorators have gone far afield looking for designs that show marked originality.

Each country has contributed to the designs of tiles, some of which have been copied and are modern reproductions of the old, and some of which have gone to the realm of collectiana. The famous tiled Dutch stoves have provided inspiration for decoration of kitchens and baths, while Mexico has provided original motifs for outdoor fountains, swimming pools and well heads. The tile which will be exposed to the extremes of weather comes in duller colors than that which will be protected, long firing necessary to make the tile frost proof dims the colors.

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## TREES NEED CHECKING FOR DECAY, DISEASE

**Priceless Foliage Must Be Preserved by Constant Care of Health**

By Thomas J. Lynch

The value of trees is never realized until those which have stood for many years around the home show signs of dead tops, broken branches, or become decayed at the base, along the trunks, or branches. The first question is, "why this condition, and could they have been saved if given proper treatment at the proper time?"

A tree dies only because it is permitted to do so. The dead tops are probably the result of insufficient nourishment, or because the water supply has been cut off by some recent change in the landscape or building. The broken branches may have been infested with borers or the crotch may have been split by the wind. The removal of the borers and proper bracing would have saved these trees for years to come.

Cavities are formed by the bark being broken. A car may have backed into the tree at some time, perhaps the grading scoop struck it, or a hundred and one different causes may be given. Regardless of these, the minute you bruise the Cambium layer of bark and expose the heart wood, decay is sure to set in unless it is properly treated.

### Check Trees in Fall

Fall is an opportune time to check over the trees and make note of the condition. If the trees on your grounds are yellow, if they have lost their leaves earlier than others in the neighborhood, this is a sign that they are in need of attention. If the oaks have a number of dead leaves on the top or ends of the branches, they are no doubt infested with borers. Look over the soft maples and see if they are infected with cotton maple scale. You can easily detect this by its cotton like appearance on the branches and twigs. Spraying this fall or early spring will take care of this condition, but all infected trees must be sprayed in order that it be effective.

If your trees have a great large top and are double or contain large crotches they should be properly braced and cabled to protect them against the wind. Check them over carefully now for frost cracks on the trunks. Even though these cracks appear to have healed the first cold weather will again split them open. Unless attended to, the large black ants will no doubt begin to destroy the tree next summer. Remove all the dead branches, but be sure that all the cuts are made close to the trunk and covered with either asphaltum or a pruning compound. Fall is a good time to do the trimming because the grass will soon be brown and the flowers and shrubs will not be injured.

### Watch for Infection

If the trees are infected with any of the different scales classified under the sucking insects they should be given a thorough spraying early next spring with either lime sulphur or mulsified oil. Spraying is more to prevent than cure and trees properly sprayed at the right season will repay you many times with their dark green foliage.

Trees, like human beings, require certain care if they are to remain part of our heritage. Keep them free from dead branches, feed them when they need it, and during the hot seasons give them a cooling drink of water. They will repay you a thousand times over with their shade and beautiful foliage in years to come.



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