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the East, all very curious and full of questions about the new country.

The Indians (or Siwashers) after trapping any quantity of salmon, used to fry and then c  che them in the forks of the giant Douglas fir trees. To prevent the squirrels and small animals stealing their fish, they would strip the trees of their bark for 15 or 20 feet up and nail on pieces of tin, which made it too slippery for the enterprising squirrels.

Driving past a grove of trees which had been treated in this manner, the Canadian passenger manifested great curiosity and asked old Jim Hamilton, a veteran stage driver, the reason of this strange phenomena.