

sixty feet, grows on the most sterile regions, and may frequently be seen springing out of the crevices of rocks, growing most luxuriantly without any apparent nourishment. In this section of the country it is not applied to any particular use; but in the western district is largely used for fence rails. There is a peculiarity connected with this tree, which, although very ornamental, never produces two specimens alike,—that is, two trees of the same shape. A resinous gum, called Gum Sandarach, is obtained from the red cedar, which, when pulverized, is known under the name of Pounce, and is used as an absorbent of ink, and to prevent its spreading over the newly erased surface of paper; it is also largely employed by cabinet-makers for making a superior transparent varnish. The essential oil is very fragrant, and imparts a most agreeable odor to leather, and to it, books bound in Russia owe their inviting smell.

#### WHITE CEDAR.

*Thuja Occidentalis, Cedre Blanc, Arbor Vita.*

The white cedar never attains any great height, and is so universally known as the occupant of cedar swamps, that any lengthened description is uncalled for. The wood is soft, smooth, extremely light, and possesses an aromatic smell. It retains a permanent shape, and is so extremely durable as to have led to the saying, "As sound as a cedar-post." It is chiefly used for fences and the sleepers of cellars, and from it the Indian shapes the ribs of his frail bark.



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