

AN ODD BIT ABOUT TREES.

THE TREE PUZZLE, WITH ANSWERS APPENDED.

The "tree puzzle" that follows is one of the most ingenious trifles of the kind now current:

1. What's the social tree,
2. And the dancing tree,
3. And the tree that is nearest the sea?
4. The dandiest tree,
5. And the kissable tree,
6. And the tree where ships may be?
7. What's the tell-tale tree,
8. And the traitor's tree,
9. And the tree that's the warmest clad?
10. The languishing tree,
11. The chronologist's tree,
12. And the tree that makes one sad?
13. What's the emulous tree,
14. The industrious tree,
15. And the tree that will never stand still?
16. The unhealthiest tree,
17. The Egyptian-plague tree,
18. And the tree neither up nor down hill?
19. The contemptible tree,
20. The most yielding tree,
21. And the tree that bears a curse?
22. The reddish brown tree,
23. The reddish blue tree,
24. And the tree like an Irish nurse?
25. What is the tree
That makes each townsman flee?
26. And what round itself doth twine?
27. What's the housewife's tree,
28. And the fisherman's tree;
29. What by cockneys is turned into wine?
30. What's the tree that got up,
31. And the tree that was lazy.
32. And the tree that guides ships to go forth?
33. The tree that's immortal,
34. The trees that are not,
35. And the tree whose wood faces the north?
36. The tree in a bottle,
37. The tree in a fog,
38. And what each must become ere he's old?
39. The tree of the people,
40. The traveler's tree,
41. And the sad tree when school-masters hold?
42. What's the tree that has passed through the fiery
heat,
43. That half-given to doctors when ill?
44. The tree that we offer to friends when we meet,
45. And the tree we may use as a quill?
46. What's the tree that in death will benight you?
47. And the tree that your wants will supply?
48. And the tree that to travel invites you,
49. And the tree that forbids you to die?

ANSWERS.

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| 1. { Pear | 9. Fir |
| 2. { Ten | 10. Pine |
| 3. Hop | 11. Date |
| 4. Beech | 12. Weeping-willow |
| 5. Spruce | 13. Ivy |
| 6. { Tulip | 14. Spindle-tree |
| 7. { Yew | 15. Caper |
| 8. Bay | 16. Sycamore |
| 9. Peach | 17. Locust |
| 10. Judas | 18. Plane |

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| 19. Medlar | 34. Dyewoods |
| 20. { India-rubber | 35. Southernwood |
| 21. { Sago palm | 36. Cork |
| 22. { Fig | 37. { Smoke-tree |
| 23. { Damson | 38. { Hazel |
| 24. Chestnut | 39. Elder |
| 25. Lilac | 40. Poplar |
| 26. Honeysuckle | 41. Wayfaring-tree |
| 27. Citron | 42. Birch |
| 28. Woodbine | 43. Ash |
| 29. Broom | 44. Coffee |
| 30. Basswood | 45. Palm |
| 31. Vine | 46. Aspen |
| 32. Rose | 47. Deadly night-shade |
| 33. { Satinwood | 48. Breadfruit |
| 34. { Aloe | 49. Orange |
| 35. (H)elm | 50. Olive |
| 36. Arbor-vite | |
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THE RUSSIAN APRICOT. — Professor Budd, of the Iowa Agricultural College writes to the *Prairie Farmer* that it runs into many varieties, as grown from seed by the Mennonites of Nebraska. Some of them have stood the past winter fairly well; others have not. We have on our grounds varieties from Central Russia which seem perfectly hardy.

ASPARAGUS TENUISSIMUS. — Nothing can exceed the feathery grace of foliage of this most beautiful of all vines for pot culture, and it grows up a string nearly as fast as Smilax. It keeps fresh so long after cutting that it is particularly desirable as a green for bouquet making. One of the most handsome and unique bridal bouquets we ever saw was composed of Niphetos Rose-buds just shadowed over with a filmy veil of the downy foilage of *Asparagus tenuissimus*. This plant grows so readily from cuttings that it will soon become plentiful. — *Am. Garden.*

THE JAMES VICK STRAWBERRY. — We have given the James Vick strawberry another trial, this time under high cultivation and under the single-plant system. Yet, the yield was anything but satisfactory. The plants were very large and thrifty, the fruit stalks numerous and well loaded, but the berries hardly medium in size, with only few large, and many small and imperfect ones. The berry is firm and solid, good for canning, which is about all that I can say in its favor. Under the matted-row system, the James Vick has proved of no account everywhere I met with it. — *Farm and Garden.*