

A redwood tree was lately cut in Washington, 135 feet high, and 113 feet 11 inches in circumference at the base. It would make 96,355 feet of boards.

Artichoke (*Cynara scolymus*) is a pleasant vegetable, by no means generally eaten. Of old the juice was used as a cure for rheumatism; a virtue not claimed now.

Oil from the seeds of sunflower is one of the leading agricultural industries in the Czar's dominions now, and the people can clear more money from it than any other crop.

The skylark and woodlark are almost the only birds which sing as they fly. So does our bob-o-link.

The quantity and quality of soap consumed is the measure of a nation's civilization - Canada stands away up in this competition, with Eclipse soap on top.

The finest rubies come from Burmah, beryls from Russia, and turquoises from Persia.

Two well-polished and clean aluminum surfaces, brought together under pressure, and kept for eight hours at a temperature of about 625° F., will adhere as though soldered.

At West Pike, Penn., slippers, neckties, belts, and bicycle caps are made from rattlesnake skins, and next season waist-coats will be turned out from the same material.

Sir Robert Ball, the astronomer, says that, for communicating with the inhabitants of Mars, we would need a flag as large as Ireland, and a pole 500 miles long.

The largest tree in America, and perhaps in the world, is the "Father of the Forest," one of the California redwoods. Some of the Australian eucalypti are said to grow as tall.

Over 90,000,000 lobsters were bred and let loose last season at Wood's Holl, Mass., by the Federal Fish Commission.

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