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Excerpt from Occasional Papers of the California Academy of Sciences The pressing need of a popular manual of the trees of California is the reason for this little book. The aim has been to prepare a work, which, while giving all the information necessary for the identification of the different trees of our valleys and mountains, will yet be so brief and concise that the entire matter can be put into a book that can be carried into the field. Fuller information concerning any tree, for instance, the value or character of its wood, structural details of its flowers and fruits, notes concerning variations, and accounts specifying all the points of distribution, can readily be obtained from other books, which are to be found in the public libraries throughout the state. Years ago Dr. Albert Kellogg, one of the founders of the California Academy of Sciences, must have had a similar plan, for he left a great number of carefully executed drawings illustrating the different Californian trees and shrubs. It seems especially fitting that these illustrations should at last be used for the purpose for which they were designed, and as far as possible this has been done. Without the valuable assistance of Mr. Joseph A. Street, who not only photographed all these drawings but also made photographs of the actual specimens when there were no drawings, this book would be of much less value. I feel especially grateful to Mr. Street, as his work was a labor of love - love for his art as well as for the trees. In general these illustrations are about one-half the actual size. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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