



GINKGO BILOBA.

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This Ginkgo or Maidenhair tree (*Ginkgo biloba*) is a native of Japan and China, related to the Yew tree, bearing a single seeded fruit, the kernel of which is much prized by the Chinese for food. The tree grows to a height of 80 feet, living to be several centuries old. As a street tree it is especially attractive in Autumn when its leaves turn a beautiful golden color. It is the sole survivor of a great genus of trees which inhabited the earth during the time of the prehistoric monsters. A quantity of the seed of this tree has been collected and will be distributed to persons interested.