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# Arbor Vitae Links Old, New Worlds

The year was 1535. The Frenchman Jacques Cartier beginning a year's exploration of the St. Lawrence River found himself involved in a journey fraught with many adventures and hardships.

This stream and its adjoining lands were the home of the Indian, and it was he who recommended a cure when the ship's company fell ill of scurvy. He knew from experience that a brew of the bark and leaves of a certain tree would cure the dread disease. He did not know as we do today that such a potion is rich in vitamin C.

**THE TREE WHICH** was used as a panacea was the Arbor Vitae tree of life so called because it frequently reaches an age 200 or over 300 years. It is also called the white cedar although it should not be confused with another tree of the same name which grows in the long or eastern coastal plains. An easy comparison can be made between the cones which are green and oblong in the former and round and purplish in the latter.

Now I hold in my hand a branch of Arbor Vitae from one of the many old kind growing along the shore of Wallon Lake. Its flat fan-like branches are deeply green and so dense that they completely cover the twigs. The evergreen leaves are nothing more than overlapping scales arranged in four rows in opposite alternating pairs. In the center of each small scale is a glandular dot which when crushed is the source of an aromatic odor.

**SCATTERED ALONG** the branches are the small half-inch cones arranged in bunches on soft stems.

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# The World's A Stage

By JAY ST. LEIDER  
(Special Writer)

## THE COBBLER'S DREAM

Little droplets of rain clung to the square pages in the window of Antonio's shop. They took the dim light of the oil lamp inside and shattered its glow into little shimmering fragments to be consumed by the black of the Spanish night.

If you pressed your nose to the window you could make out the hunched form of a little grey-haired man bending over his workbench. He wore a cap and his white beards at the apex before him. Rubbing his grizzled chin, he started to cut away the remains of an old shoe.

This was Antonio in his 51st year. The time was early in the century and this is the tale as it is told to this day in some of the villages and towns of Cuba.

THEY SAY IF you asked about Antonio amongst his neighbors in that little hamlet of Old Spain, you wouldn't find out much more than you saw through the window except, he was taciturn, frugal and a bit eccentric.

Although little was known or remembered of the cobbler's personality was never exposed to the rest of the town. Antonio, the cobbler, was the son of a personal friend of the reason for Antonio's eccentricity the complete story needed in the ambition that drove him. It was, immediately, the cause of his misery and his perseverance in it. The Promised Land—preserved Antonio in the captivity of his life. He, Antonio the cobbler, was going to America. When? Some day. Someday when? Ten more years maybe.

ANTONIO PUT down the new heeled shoe. He shuffled to the rear of his shop. He bent to the floor and heaved in a box from beneath his slat board bed. He lifted up the lid and tenderly caressed the worn and creaking inside. Then he murmured to himself as he counted his life: twenty years of it in a battered tin box. He finished another stroke, maybe. Then America, the promised land would be inside the tin box. He would then soon be in America.

## Health Insurance Survey Planned

The U. S. Census Bureau will conduct a special survey on health insurance in conjunction with the August current population survey. It was announced today by Director John E. Tharaldson of the bureau's regional field office at Detroit.

The health insurance survey is being conducted for the U. S. Public Health Service. The questions to be asked include kinds of health insurance plans in the country and coverage of the population for different types of health benefits.

## In Navy Exercise

George W. Roberts, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Roberts of 25275 Ormond rd., Southfield, serving with patrol squadron one, took part in a joint Canadian-American anti-submarine warfare exercise from July 21 through Aug. 3 off the west coast of the U. S. and Canada.

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# Plan For Escape From Fire In Home May Save Lives

Fire strikes without warning. Every two minutes fire damages a home somewhere in the United States.

Would you know what to do if fire broke out in your home tonight?

There are definite steps you can take to be prepared. The National Board of Fire Underwriters reminds. To know how to escape could save your life and those of members of your family.

1.—Get all members of the family together and figure out two possible escape routes to the ground from each upstairs bedroom. If one of the two escape routes is cut off, you will have the alternate one.

2.—Suppose you are sleeping in a closed upstairs bedroom, wake up, and smell smoke! Don't rush out into the hallway immediately. Go to the door and place the palm of your hand against it. If the door feels hot, it may be that the hallway is already aflame and filled with hot and toxic gases. Either use another escape route or go to the window, awaken people by shouting "Fire!" If there is a phone in the room, quickly call the fire department.

IF THE DOOR does not feel hot,

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open it slightly. Hold your head away, brace the door with your foot and put your hand across the opening to determine how hot and smoky the air is. If the hallway appears to be cool and there are no flames or smoke pouring up the stairway, you may be able to use this regular route of escape.

However, if there is any question about safe passage down the stairs, go back to the window and await rescue.

Be sure to keep the bedroom door closed. The door in a good fire wall which may give you two to five minutes of extra time if flames leap up the hallway.

If the hallway outside your upstairs bedroom is aflame, go to the window, shout for help, but don't jump out. You might be injuring yourself needlessly.

OPEN THE window, breathe the fresh air outside, and stay calm.

Look below to see if there is a porch roof beneath the window. If so, and smoke and flames are beginning to enter the room around the door, crawl out on the porch roof to await rescue.

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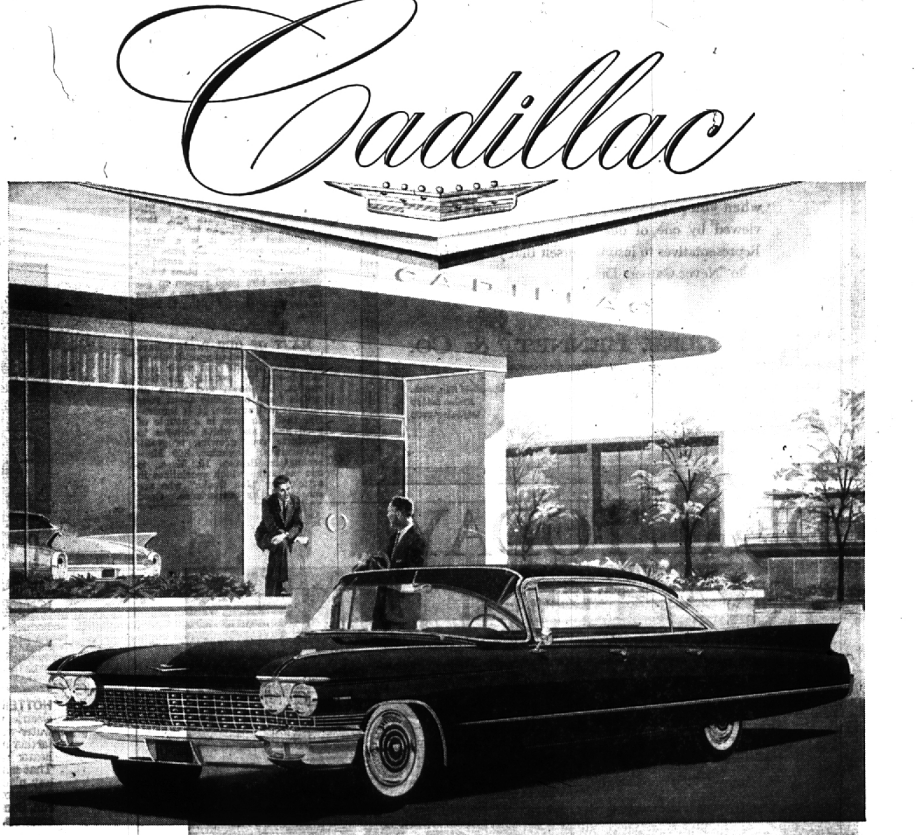
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