

HEMLOCK - Largely used in manufacture of paper from wood pulp
One half of all species found in No. America 12 found on Atlantic
seaboard -

WHITE PINE Tall straight trunks, reddish brown bark -Popular
commercial wood

The first steps in the U.S. towards Federal forest conservation
date from 1876. In 1886 the Division of Forestry was created in
the Department of Agriculture and in 1905 expanded into the present
Forest Service.

In ancient times trees were valued mostly for medicinal purposes
and for their food value, spices and herbs. An old-fashioned
Judean custom was the planting of a Cedar tree before the house
on the birth of a son and a Fir tree for the birth of a daughter.
Wedding trees are still living in Bermuda, so called because in
the early days a cedar tree was on every bride's wedding cake and
was afterwards planted by the bride in her new home.

In Japan, pictures of the Holy Pine with the double stem presented
to every bride and groom on their wedding day.

Find reference to trees of the Old Testament and the writing of the
Chaldeans 6000 years ago.

The first Christmas tree was a living fir tree. St. Winifred, a
missionary, eager to turn the minds of the Druids from worship of
sun, moon and thunder, begged them to become worshippers of a
living God, but they clung to their old ritual. He dramatically
chose a moment when they were gathered at the foot of a monstrous
oak, sacred to the God of thunder. Suddenly the missionary gave
the signal to his woodsmen to cut the tree. The great oak fell
to the ground, symbol of a dead God, and in the clearing people
were astonished to see a living Fir tree, young, beautiful & strong

