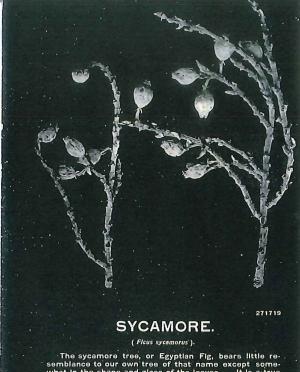
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SYCAMORE.

(Ficus sycamorus).

The sycamore tree, or Egyptian Fig, bears little resemblance to our own tree of that name except somewhat in the shape and gloss of the leaves. It is a true fig though the fruits are small. Sycamore figs require to be out open at the free end to allow of the escape of small files, born within, before the fruits can become sweet and edible, even then they are only eaten, in Egypt, by the poor who caprify them for the purpose. The sycamore was symbolical of the "tree of life" in Egyptian cuit.

"Zacchaeus . . . . he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him". Luke xix, 4. "But it was a herdman, and gatherer of sycamore fruit". Amos vil, 14. "He destroyed their vines with hall, and their sycamore trees with frost". Ps. ixxviil, 47.