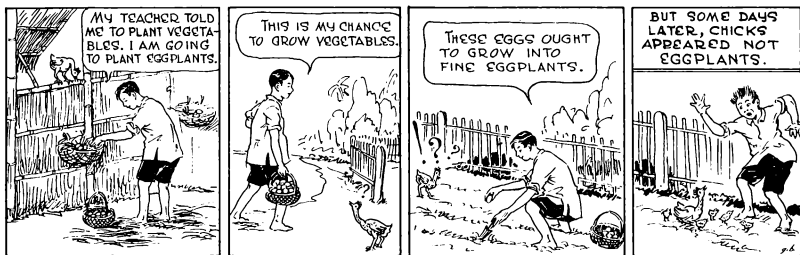


KIKO'S ADVENTURES—Egg-Planting

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What Do You Know About Nature?

OUR FOREST TREES

The Tangle

There are big forests in the mountains of our country. In these forests we find many kinds of trees. Some of them are tall and large; while others are very tall but slender.

One of these large trees is the tangle tree. The trunk of this tree sometimes grows so big that if you make a hole through it, you can drive a carriage drawn by horses right through that hole from one side to the other side of the tree. Do you know the length of one meter? If your father stretches his arm, the distance from the tip of his fingers to his opposite shoulder is about one meter. The desk on which you do your writing in your school is about one meter long. The distance around the trunk of a large tangle tree is about 18 meters. Imagine how large that tree is!

Let us cut a tangle tree and see the inside of the wood. Let us first see the part near the outside of the wood. The color is light and whitish. This part of any wood is called the sapwood. The inside part of the wood, about one inch or more under the sapwood, is red in color. Sometimes it is brownish red. The inside part of a wood is called the heartwood.

You can tell the place where a certain piece of tangle lumber comes from by looking at the heartwood. If this is light red, we may be sure that it was cut from the forests in Southern Mindanao. If the color of the heartwood is dark red or brownish red, that piece of tangle lumber must have been taken from Mindanao or from the forests in the Visayan Islands or in Luzon.

Tangle is the most popular lumber used in building houses in the Philippines. Although it is not a very hard wood, it is strong. If it is

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Learning To Use New Expressions

(Drive, drive away, drive into)

Junior likes to *drive* his little automobile in the back yard. He likes to see the chickens running away from him. With his car, he can *drive away* the chickens from the vegetable plots. Driving away pigs and chickens from the garden was his work. He does it fast when he *drives* his car. With it he can also *drive* the chickens *into* the coops. He can drive the pigs into the pens and the dog into the kennel.

Answer these questions in complete sentences. Repeat the words of the story.

What does Junior like to do?

What does he do when he sees pigs and chickens in the garden?

What does he do when it is time for pigs and dogs to rest?

More questions to answer. Do not answer with "Yes" or "No" only.

Can you drive a carromata?

Can your father drive a car?

Do you have to drive away animals from the garden?

Does your dog have a kennel? Do you have to drive him into it at night?

Fill the blanks with *drive*, *drive away*, or *drive into*. A blank stands for a whole expression.

Juan has to _____ the pig _____ the pig pen every evening.

His dog can _____ the pigs from the vegetable garden.

The child can _____ his kiddy car.

Juan can _____ a carromata but his mother would not let him.

Juliana C. Pineda

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At once he ran to the door towards the guards, slapping each one as he passed by. Each guard, thinking that the fellow near him did the mischief, lost no time in returning the blow. Thus started a free-for-all and the garden was in commotion while Felipe sped his way towards Menia's castle. Nobody saw him. He was invisible. He ran up the steps and was soon in Menia's room. On the table lay the tiny box. He snatched it and ran back to his room. Then he got the stone from his mouth and put it in his pocket. He was visible again. Then he went to the Count's room and gave him the box.

The Count smiled and said. "I have been waiting for a long time and now you are here. I am very happy."

"Cosco," he said addressing the queer-looking servant, "send for my daughter and tell all the

people to assemble in the garden."

When Menia came, the Count took her and Felipe to the garden. There he told his people that he was already old and could no longer carry on the work of a ruler.

"Here is my successor," he added presenting Felipe. "He has proven himself to be brave, strong, honest, and trustworthy. Love him as you love me for he will make you happy."

Then and there Felipe and Menia were married amidst the shouts of joy of all their subjects.

Not long after that, the Count died and Felipe became the ruler of the city.

However, he had not forgotten to send for his foster father and mother; and when they came, he gave them a house and furnished them with everything that they needed.

Awog

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Some old people today are fond of telling the strange story of the man who bravely tried to steal eggs from a back yard. When he started to run away with the eggs, he was surprised to find that he could not even reach the fence. Every time he would move a few steps forward, he found himself back to the place where he stole the eggs. Soon he became hungry. He took three eggs from the bag under his arms and ate them. An hour later he felt an unpleasant movement in his stomach. He had pains all over his body. He became sick and dizzy. Then something tickled his throat. All at once, three chicks came out of his mouth. That was the punishment he received from Awog.

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not always wet with water, tangle lumber lasts for a long time. But when this wood is placed outdoors or is put on the ground it does not last long.

Tangle is a kind of timber very often used for making tables, chairs, and other pieces of furniture. It is easily colored with any kind of stain. Do you know what stain is? Stain is the color carpenters put in a piece of wood. It is different from paint because paint covers the surface of the wood. Stain does not cover the surface at all. It simply sinks into the wood and gives it a natural color. For instance, if we want tangle chairs to look yellow, we put a yellow stain on the tangle.

In the United States there is a kind of timber called mahogany. Tangle looks like mahogany. This is the reason that tangle is called Philippine mahogany.

Tangle lumber is usually large and long. You do not find many cracks and other defects in this

kind of lumber. It is easy to work with ordinary tools, such as knife, saw, plane, and chisel. It is easy to carve. Its grain shows the figure of a ribbon which we can see clearly when we divide the lumber. The holes or pores of the wood are quite fine. Tangle is quite shiny when made into boards. It is not heavy.

The Philippines has exported to the United States much tangle timber. Many American makers of furniture use it instead of mahogany. For this reason, in many places in the United States merchants are not allowed to call tangle by the name of Philippine mahogany.

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(Answers)

drive . . . into
drive away
drive
drive

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