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## THE TREE WITH NINE TRUNKS

Men are often amused—and sometimes a trifle peeved if their pocketbooks are hit too hard—when their womenfolks buy a hat and then purchase a whole new outfit to match it.

Mrs. Florence Snyder, of 6323 Arroyo Glen street, Highland Park, has gone the members of her sex one better.

Mrs. Snyder bought a tree and then built a house to match it. The tree, a giant sycamore, has stood on the same location more than 300 years. Stemming out from the main trunk are eight huge branches which, rising almost perpendicular, resemble tree trunks themselves.

"I says to the real estate man 'I'm getting old and want a place to spend the rest of my life in peace,'" Mrs. Snyder relates. "I told

him I wanted a place with trees on it. He showed me this tree and I fell in love with it right away.

"I says to myself 'I'm going to build a house to match that tree.' And I did. I had the siding stained to conform with the color of the tree. The roof was constructed to conform with the contour of the tree. I even rounded up boys in the neighborhood and had them haul rocks from the Arroyo Seco for the yard. The rocks grew old in the same neighborhood with the tree and have the same coloring.

"That was twelve years ago and I've never been sorry. Now I can sit at my window, look at the tree and think it is a pretty good world after all."