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 "The Big Trees of Sequoia National Park"

TOWERING a giant among giants, the oldest living thing that connects the present with the dim past, the "General Sherman Tree" is the patriarch of the Sequoia National Park of California. It takes twenty men with arms outstretched to encircle the tree. In the age that history tells

us marked the exodus of the Jews from Egypt, this greatest of *sequoia gigantea* was a flourishing sapling of some twenty or thirty feet in height and truly under the special care of the Creator, Who held it safe from the lightnings of His wrath as He did from the attack of earthly enemies. The "Gen-

eral Sherman" was discovered in 1879 by James Wolverton, a hunter, and named by him in honor of General William T. Sherman. It towers 279.9 feet into the sky; its base circumference is 102.8; its greater diameter 36.5, and it has developed a diameter of 17.7 feet at a point 100 feet above the ground.