

materials in the forest. Some observations regarding the trade of resins are included. There follows an account of the uses to which the resins are put by the Semelai—as fuel for torches, as sealants for dishes, boats, and musical instruments, as glues for tool handles, as colorants, and as incense, food, medicines, and poisons (used to facilitate catching of fish). Finally, Semelai myths and symbolism surrounding resinous substances are briefly considered. Derived from work done for a (Yale University) doctoral dissertation, the information is presented in a scattered manner under a variety of specific headings rather than in a synthetic format. Appendixes give infrared spectra for some resin samples and various linguistic information, and a bibliography and a rather sketchy index are included. Sections of maps and plates (listed in the table of contents as following the appendixes) precede the text.—K.L.

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