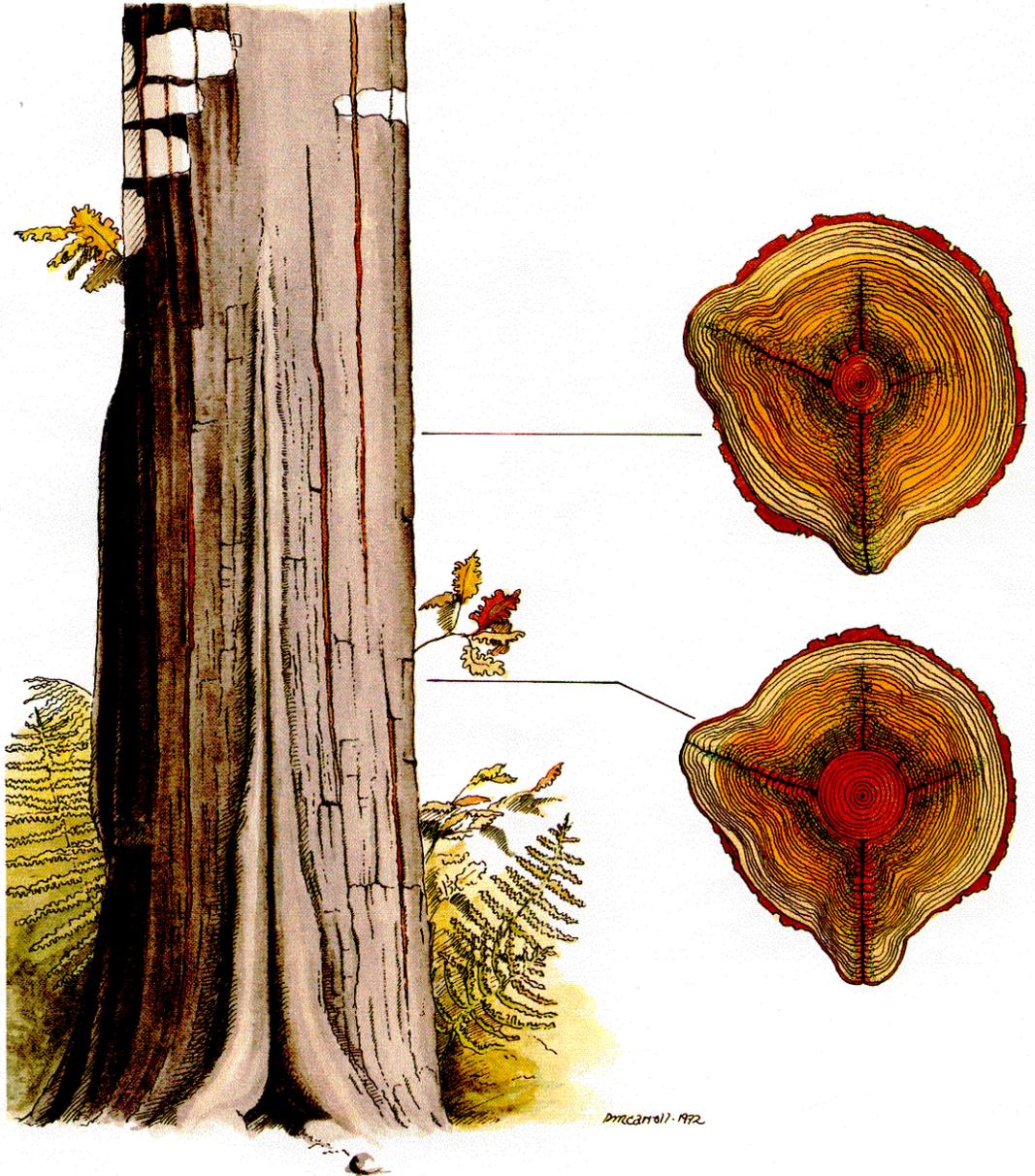


As these cracks continue to enlarge and get closer to the edge of the trunk, they may suddenly split out to the bark. These secondary seams will be at right angles to the main seam. Most large seams start from old wounds and move outward.



Seams will also form from mechanical wounds on trunks. Once a seam begins to form, it will usually continue to enlarge throughout the life of the tree.

