Bamboo.

Nothing that grows is put to so many uses as the bamboo. Its appearance is beautiful, its shade most grateful. The Chinese sits under it and upon it, he dwells in it, he eats it, he sails in it and by it, he is rocked in it, his furniture is made of it, he is buried in it, he writes upon it and with it, he clothes himself with it and spanks the young ones with it. In fact, the "graceful bamboo" is as useful as it is ornamental.