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The recent issue of yellow fibreglass safety helmets to those employees who wanted to wear them, was indeed a welcome innovation in a division which has up to 18 power circular saw operators falling firewood trees, with an alarming number of minor accidents.

Despite complaints about the noise suffered during rain or hail storms the helmets are widely used by fellers.

Recently I visited one falling team at morning smokeo, arriving in time to hear one member promising to polish his "yellow-bird" that night. It appears that, having finished falling his cutting coupe he was waltzing his power saw merrily across the other coupes on his way to a new one, when he walked under a tree being dropped by his neighbour. The crown of the Marri fell on him and his power circular, burying them both in the foliage.

Thanks to the helmet he received only a couple of cuts on his left shoulder. What appeared to amuse him most was the way his Dennis twin kept chugging away while completely hidden under the Marri crown.

After such an interesting experience he felt the least he could do was clean and polish his Yellow Kady.

(Editor's Note: While we are sorry about the damaged shoulder the value of a safety helmet in this case can be deprecated. If the tree had hit him anywhere else than on the head (helmet or no helmet) he might have been seriously hurt.)