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NOTE

That translators make mistakes is no secret, but that we catch them and turn red when we see them in print may be. In the piece I published in Catalan Review X, 1-2, 1996, "The Short Stories of Pere Calders: A Translators Journal," I made a rather elaborate point commenting the phrase "El calendari s'esfulla i ens va colgant a tots sota una capa de vesc." My point hinged on my mistranslation of the word 'vesc' as 'mistletoe' in that context. My colleague John Dyson pointed out to me that 'vesc' (from Latin 'viscum'), besides meaning mistletoe, can be translated as English 'birdlime' and that both 'vesc' and birdlime refer to the mistletoe-derived glue once used for catching birds and, as in Calder's line, to serve as the spine of day-by-day calendar blocks. Dyson comments on the line: "It is interesting that as the leaves fly off the annual calendar vegetation (the days), the sole remaining 'tree' here isn't one at all, does not lose its leaves, and its sole purpose in the story is not to mark a transit, but to hold one fast in time and place."

Now that the redness is subsiding, I am happy to accept this

correction and to add the ensuing comment to my piece.

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