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Why is the concept of Bonsai successful? Imagine growing a tree in a small pot. How is this possible? This is possible because the arrangement of branches and leaves maximizes the amount of sunlight that can be captured in such a small area. The amount of fine roots in that small pot is almost equivalent to the number of fine roots of a medium sized tree in the wild. Never in nature can you see this much concentration of leaves and fine roots in such a small area. Even though a bonsai is small and confined to a pot, it is very much like a bigger tree in the wild when it comes to quantity of leaves and fine roots. A bonsai is a healthy happy tree. A bonsai gets perfect nutrition and gets fresh water all the time, nothing in nature can be close to that perfection. This is the key to a successful Bonsai.