

RUSTIC SEATS FOR THE LAWN.



THE garden and lawn are incompletely furnished if they are not supplied with some kind of seats whereon one may recline at ease. Fortunately, these seats need not be costly; it would, indeed, show bad taste to have them so. Something easy, graceful, fantastic, rustic—something that the sunshine or the wind will not harm, or have its beauty destroyed by the rain. The materials for such seats are nearly always at hand—at least on every farmer's premises. All that is required is a little skill and patience to construct them. The branches of the red cedar tree and wild grape vine furnish the best of material for this style of rustic seat. Our illustration, Fig. 776, shows a very pretty chair made in this manner. A few pine boards cut and nailed together, as represented in the engraving, Fig. 777, will form a cheap and convenient rustic seat, which will be admired for its very simplicity and quaintness.

A favorite shade tree on the lawn may be surrounded with seats so attached that one in sitting may lean against the trunk. Our illustration, Fig. 778, will give a good idea of how seats of this kind may be constructed.

The position of such seats is worthy of consideration. As they are mainly intended for use in warm weather, they should be amply shaded.

A position must be chosen that commands a good prospect—if not a distant landscape, then of the beauties of the lawn and the flower garden. Some at least, should be screened from observation by shrubbery—fragrant, if possible, where one may read or work. It is

during the warmer months that the garden and lawn offer their greatest attractions, and everything that tends to make them more enjoyable should be provided.

Javelle Water, used to remove tea and coffee, grass and fruit stains from linen, is made thus:—Mix well in an earthen vessel one pound of sal soda, 5 cents worth of chloride of lime and two quarts of soft water.



FIG. 776.

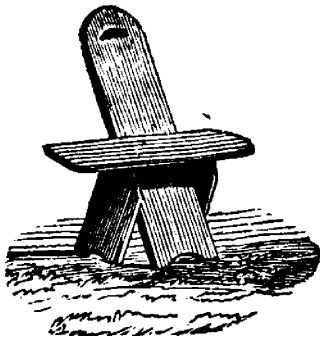


FIG. 777.

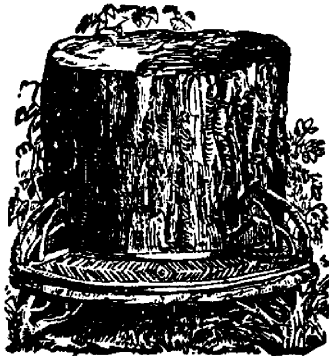


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