

*THE BACKYARD AS A SUMMER RETREAT.*



FIG. 1216.

can be placed on the top, as shown in Fig. 1217. Brick piers, built at the four corners of the centre plot, supporting an overhead trellis (see Fig. 1215), will give a very pretty effect.

When space is very limited the idea suggested in Fig. 1216 is effective. Plant an eight-inch post firmly in the ground at the desired spot. On top affix a large cart wheel, to be bought at any carriage-maker's, or make one of strips of board, each one inch thick by two inches wide and of desired length. Nail these on edge to a circular piece of plank at the centre, and tack a stout barrel hoop around the outside rim to secure the ends of the spokes. Nail the circular plank to the top of your post. Surmount the whole with a half barrel in which are planted quick-growing vines, and you will have, in a few weeks, an artificial tree. Vines can be also trained up the post from the ground.

Another effect is shown in Figure 1221. A number of short rustic posts are sunk in the ground in a circle, leaving out one in the series for a gateway. A taller centre post is placed in the middle. Kegs containing vines and

plants are placed on the tops of the posts. Wires are stretched from each to the top of the centre post, and a very pretty, artistic arbor is the result.

A good way to treat the top of a fence is shown in Figure 1217. Ordinary barrel hoops are bent and nailed to the back of the fence and supported by laths. Boxes of plants are arranged on brackets, or upon the ledge at the back, if permission can be obtained.



FIG. 1217.

Figure 1218 shows another arbor effect at the rear end of the yard,