

it could be easily grown from seed in good garden soil, especially if not allowed to suffer from drouth.

THE HAREBELL, *Campanula rotundifolia*, Linn, this beautiful flower begins to appear in the last days of June, and continues with us all summer. The blossoms are bright blue, from half an inch to three quarters long; the plant seems to prefer partial shade, takes kindly to the garden, and makes a pretty appearance planted in masses.

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A UNIQUE PLANT STAND.

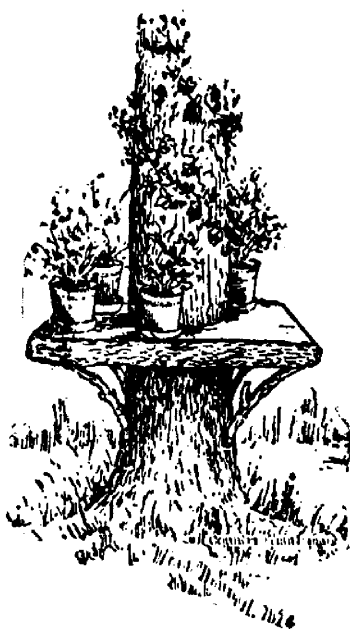


FIG. 681.

House plants must have their summer outing as well as the house people, and one often sees them set about on the doorsteps and ground. If there is a tree on the lawn, a novel table for them may be made about its trunk, as shown in the illustration.

Two cross-pieces are first spiked securely to the tree to serve as supports for the platform, which is made of boards fitted around the trunk. Four props are cut from slender branches and fastened underneath. These should be as little trimmed as possible, to give a more rustic effect. And the same effect may be given the edges of the platform by nailing on rough strips for a finish. These strips are obtained by splitting a 2-inch "sapling" lengthwise, the halves being then applied to the platform edges. The little table is then ready for its load.

If some of the plants are vines they will take very kindly to the strong, straight trunk as a climbing-post, and very soon will twist about it in a charming way. One can hardly imagine the artistic features of this little table of flowers till one sees it upon the home lawn, telling its own story.—W. D., in Country Gentleman.

"CALL these fine cattle?" said a big countryman at an agricultural show, where for some time he had been annoying the exhibitors by depreciating their stock. "They ain't nothin' to what my folks raise. Why, my father raised the biggest calf of any farmer round our part." "Ah," said a bystander, looking at him; "we can quite believe that!"—London Tid-Bits.