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OLD HICKORY RUSTIC FURNITURE AND GARDEN FITTINGS SHOWN ON THE CRAFTSMAN GARDEN FLOOR.

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THERE is a curiously appealing and picturesque quality about rustic work. More than any other type of wood furniture or architecture it seems to hold the spirit of the forest. Its sturdy lines recall the solidly built cabins and rough chairs and benches of the pioneer. Its frankly uncivilized surface, whether stripped of bark or left with the original brown covering of nature, conjures up visions of the woods from which it came, and the irregular decorative designs to which the logs and branches lend themselves so readily suggest the friendly informality of the woodlands.

It is no wonder, therefore, that rustic work is popular around our country homes, for both porch and garden, and fortunately it is possible to obtain today furnishings and shelters of almost any kind—from the simplest chairs and tables to the most elaborate tea house or bungalow.

One of the most satisfactory forms of rustic work we know of is the hickory, a

group of which we are reproducing here. These furnishings and garden structures are made from sturdy young hickory saplings, cut in the fall so that the bark will adhere to them, and the various parts of the frame are mortised firmly together.

In addition to the chairs, armchairs and rockers, the long settles and swinging seats that add such a livable air to porch, sun-room and garden, there are taborets and tables of various shapes and sizes, suitable for innumerable uses around the home—some to hold ferns and flowers, others that are just the thing for sewing, and others still that are handy for books and magazines or for the serving of afternoon tea.

Rustic arches and arbors with inviting seats, gates and fences with trelliswork of branches, pergolas, bridges, and sundials can all be had in portable condition, ready to put in place wherever they are needed in the garden scheme. And it is even possible to order an entire portable log bungalow of this character, which can be put up for the summer in some woodland place and taken down and stored away until the following season.