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PICNIC BENCH

Always a useful project, this picnic bench has the added advantage of being built to take apart for winter storage in the basement or garage.

THE CIRCULAR saw with your mitre gage is the basic tool required. The jointer will come in handy for dressing the edges of the stock, and either a drill press or hole shooter for drilling the bolt holes.

Cut and fit together the cross members or horses first. Lay out the finished pieces and mark the holes for drilling. Assemble with carriage bolts as shown in the drawing. Place a flat washer under the nut on each bolt so that it does not cut into the wood.

Cut the boards for the top and mark them for drilling. Cut the seat boards, mark and drill bolt holes.

Assemble with carriage bolts, nuts, and washers.

Break all the sharp corners of the bench with a plane.

Benches of this type are usually left natural. Since this is an outside piece of furniture it should be preserved with several coats of boiled oil, brushed well into the wood. Allow 24 to 48 hours between coats.

The bench may then be varnished, using a flat varnish if you desire.

BILL OF MATERIALS

No.	Name	Size
5	Top and seat stock	1 1/2" x 9 5/8" x 72"
4	Legs	1 5/8" x 3 5/8" x 33 5/8"
2	Top supports	1 5/8" x 3 3/4" x 26"
2	Seat supports	1 5/8" x 3 3/4" x 50"
16	Carriage Bolts	5/16" x 3 3/4"
20	Carriage Bolts	5/16" x 5 3/4"

