Sheltered Seat, McKinley Woods, Joliet, Illinois

On the preceding page are detail drawings of this subject, a type of sheltered trail seat popular in Illinois. It is here constructed of sawed commercial lumber. Below and on the following page are shown adaptations and elaborations of this basic form in considerable variety.

Sheltered Seat, Giant City State Park, Illinois

The first of the variants of the Illinois-sponsored trail seat departs only from the rigid severity of the above example in the substitution of hand hewn timbers and a rough shake roof for the commercial materials of its prototype. Although the gain in parklike character is apparent, in form the two examples are practically identical.

Sheltered Seat, Pere Marquette State Park, Illinois

This subject indicates a quickening pace in the direction of the primitive. Here is less precision of form and surface. Striking change is evident in the widely projecting pole rafters, larger shakes, and added arms for the two-way bench. This third generation of the Illinois seat can claim family resemblance largely because it clings in the main to squared timber members.