

FURNITURE NOTES

Uncommon "common stools"

Mrs. Roy of Norwich, daughter of a Mr. Seal who was a cabinet maker to the Sackville family at Knole Park, recalls how her father made each of his daughters a "common" four legged stool but with a difference. Each was fashioned from mahogany and provided with an inset tooled leather top as might be found on a bureau fall; beneath the top there was a drawer to hold a pinafore. After meals, and before being allowed to go and play, each daughter had to fold her pinafore neatly and stow it away; sadly she adds that these stools were thrown away in disgust when their owners had grown up and their father had died.

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