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An Interview with Mr. Henry Hunter,
Sixty-five year, old Sac and Fox Indian,
Cushing, Oklahoma.

Erecting a "Summer House."

Mr. Hunter has just completed a "Summer House", in the true old Sac & Fox style without the aid of any modern materials or tools, unless an ax or post hole diggers may be termed modern.

The Summer House is what we might call an arbor, having a roof on upright poles- no sides.

The poles are cut usually in June when the bark will peel off easily; they are Hickory or Elm.

These poles are stripped of all bark which is torn into string like throngs.

For the roof, large Elms, stripped of their bark, are cut off in pieces sometimes three feet square. This must be done at exactly the right time of the year so the bark peels off easily and does not break when the circular piece is straightened out.

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These pieces of bark and the small pieces to be used for tying are buried in the ground for four or five days and water poured on the pit daily. The bark is then very pliable. Poles are used for rafters and the roofing tied securely to them with the bark strips. The uprights are in the ground about five feet, large end down.