

AXES.

The early axes were rude and clumsy affairs, of twice and thrice the size, and double to quadruple the weight, of those in use now. The first improved were called *Yankee* axes by the early woodsmen, and were introduced into this country in 1815. Arnold Seale informed the writer that he “took a Yankee axe, in 1820 for a debt of six dollars, interest for six years and justice’s costs, and was glad to secure it at that *price*. In about ten years after the introduction of the improved axes, the *double bitted*, came into use and are now the favorite weapon of the woodsman.