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A Comprehensive Guide to the Furniture and Decorative Arts of the Colonial and Federal Periods in America

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The Colonial period (1607-1789) was a time of great change and upheaval in America. The thirteen colonies that would eventually become the United States were founded during this period, and the country's population grew from a few thousand to over four million people. This growth was accompanied by a corresponding increase in the demand for furniture and other household goods. Colonial furniture was typically made of locally

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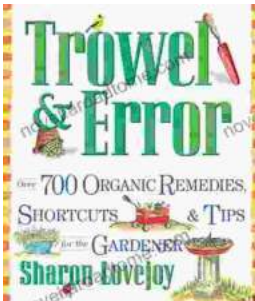
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