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CHAPTER I

Equipping the Shop

I SUPPOSE that back in the mind of each one of us there lurks a certain dark and obscure scheme, carefully concealed from the female members of the family, that *some* day we are going to grab a room—that small one off the upper hall will answer—and in that room we are going to establish a shop, a sportsman's den, where none of the conquering sex may enter. We visualize that shop in our mind's eye. We long for it, yearn for it, especially what time the various repair jobs on tackle, camp gear, and shooting irons become pressingly urgent, and we have to upset the kitchen and get in everybody's way to make them. We curse our way through these jobs, hunting up lost tools, trying to make a chair do the work of a regular bench, using feet, hands, and teeth to take the place of the vise that should be there right to hand—you all know all about it. "Ain't it the truth," brothers?

Some of us have been bold enough to assert a modicum of masculine authority and seize said room, to have and to hold. There is no escaping the fact that camp gear *will* come back from the