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Turnery

It is a craft and domestic manufacture of turned everyday wooden objects. Turners applied the technique based on the principle of forming wood with special knives and chisels by a rotating the wood symmetrically with the axis. They manufactured weaving tools, kitchen utensils, toys, fair whistles or wheel hubs, shaped parts of railings and furniture decorations, boxes for pills and ointments, parts of musical instruments, sonic toys. Turned product in form of bowls, plates, boxes, candelabra, salt cellars are undeniable part of contemporary folk production, however, now they are often produced by lathes driven by electric engines. In museums and workshops of some manufacturers, some simple hand-operated and treadle powered machines with a flywheel which allowed for more fluent wood turning and finder wood working. The shape simplicity magnified by the wood colouring and drawing is subtly enriched with e.g. studded or cast metal.

