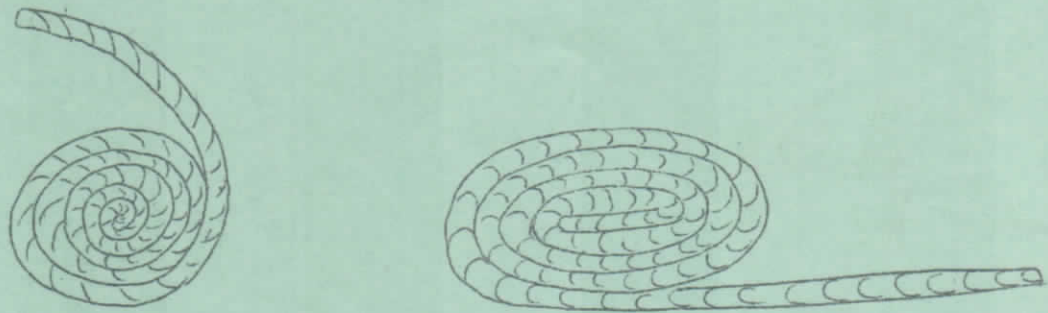


Most families had many mats and rugs in their home. These mats were used for beds and chairs.

The mats were woven of straw or rushes. Strands of straw or reeds were braided together and then wound round and round, and then sewed in place. Soon you had a round or oval shaped mat. You may have seen a braided rug that looks something like one.



Sometimes the mats were woven in square shapes back and forth.