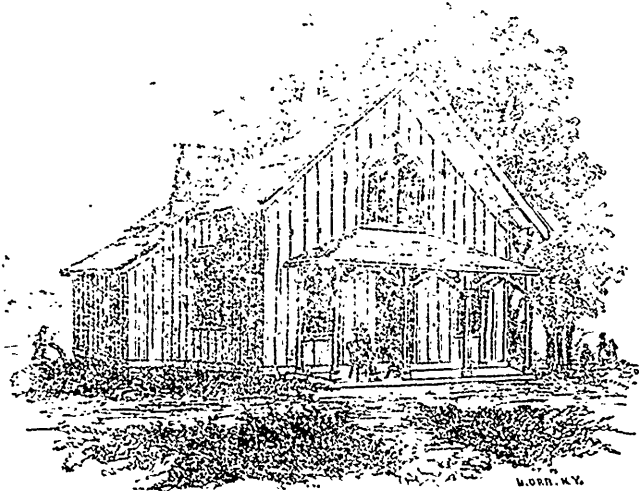


laws of the country, the genius and habits of the people,—all pronounce it to be *folly*.

But all this being admitted, we see no reason why the farmer, as well as the merchant or the professional man who is about to build a residence, should not adopt a pleasing style, and provide every comfort for himself and his family that can be secured at a *reasonable* cost. An ill-constructed, uncouth, miserable tenement, with which those who inhabit it are satisfied, indicates a spiritless, apathetic state of mind; and gives no hope of elevation of character, or improvement in condition, either physical or moral. While deprecating extravagance and gingerbread display, we would recommend utility, neatness, and a proper regard for effect. The difference in cost between an awkward structure that violates all the rules of propriety and good taste, and a building executed in an agreeable style of architecture, at once pleasant to the eye and convenient in arrangement, is much too small to make a man of sense and refinement of feeling choose the former. We have been glad to notice a very general improvement in the new farm houses erected in Canada within the last few

years. The ambitious and flashy style so much in vogue on the other side of the line, has not gained much foothold in this country, and is giving place to a more correct taste even among our neighbors.

In former volumes, we have occasionally given designs for buildings suited to the wants and circumstances of this country, some of which have been copied. Subscribers have thanked us for the information thus furnished, and some have expressed a wish for a greater number of designs, from which they could make a selection. They do not consider the great expense which these illustrations involve;—but believing that they are as interesting and useful as any we could present, we shall from time to time give our readers the benefit of such new designs as may appear adapted to their wants. In many cases, a cottage, rather than a farm house, is wanted; sometimes by small farmers, mechanics, &c., sometimes by large farmers for members of the family, old or young. We give below the design of a neat cottage, which we find in a recent work on rural architecture.



FARM COTTAGE.

The above cottage is suitable for the small farmer, or cottager, who requires room, and ample conveniences. It is a first class dwelling, of its kind, and, in its details and finish, may be adapted to a variety of occupations, while it will afford a sufficient amount of expenditure to

gratify a liberal outlay, to him who chooses to indulge his taste in a moderate extent of decoration and embellishment.

The ground plan of this cottage is 30 x 22 feet in light rural-Gothic style, one and a half stories high, the posts 14 feet in elevation. It has 14