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S. WOOLVERTON, Geologist.

Concrete Cellar Wall.

I am thinking of building a brickveneer house 32 x 28 feet, and having never heard of a concrete cellar for a house, would like your advice.

1. Would concrete make a good cellar wall, or would stone be any better?

2. If you think concrete would be best,

how thick would it need to be? 3. In what proportions should the cement and gravel be mixed?

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Ans.-1 and 3. In many parts of the country cement concrete in the form either of a solid slop wall, or of cement blocks, is almost the only material employed nowadays in constructing cellar walls. If the slop mixture is made fairly rich, say, 1:7 or 1:8, and the outside is "jarged" or plastered with a rich mixture of cement and sand, such a wall will be more impervious to water than an ordinary stone wall. The inside of the wall should be either plastered with cement mortar, or washed with neat cement. The portion of the wall above ground may be constructed of cement blocks, or may be plastered and marked off in squares as desired. 2. Ten inches is thick enough if the

wall is well built. Suffolk Punch Horse.

Having noticed a short article in a late number of "The Farmer's Advocate" in regard to the Suffolk Punch breed of horses, I would like to know a little more about that breed, and thought that your paper might furnish the information. About what weight are the matured animals of both sexes? Would it be possible to publish an illustration of a typical Suffolk stallion and mare?

Ans.—The Suffolk Punch horse is a draft horse, originating, as far as is kmpwn, in the County of Suffolk, in England. It can be traced back to about 1700. It is believed to be very pure blooded, and has been developed chiefly by farmers. It is a horse of good quality, ranging from 16 to 17 hands high, short-legged and chunky, and weighing 1,800 to 1,900 pounds in the most favored types. Greater weight than this is often obtained, even up to 2,200 pounds, but Suffolk breeders like a little smaller, more closely-knit horse. The color is chestnut, varying in all the shades, from light to very dark. The breed is noted for its small ears, and very often individuals of the breed show Roman noses. He is a horse of great middle, having a well-sprung rib and great depth. The legs are free of long hair, and they are sometimes criticised as being light in bone. They are said to be excellent horses for farm and express-delivery work. Few of these horses are bred in Canada, and we have no good photographs from which to illus-

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