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## THE STately HOMES OF ENGLAND.

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### WESTWOOD PARK.

ONE of the most perfect and interesting Elizabethan mansions of England is Westwood, about six miles from the "faithful city" of Worcester. It stands in its own grand old deer park amid its ancestral oaks, some of whose mighty boles are eighteen yards in circumference. They have, doubtless, stood the tempests of a thousand years, and were venerable when the Norman conqueror landed on the English shores. The gate-house, shown in our engraving, is one of the most quaintly picturesque in the kingdom. It consists of twin lodges of red brick, with ornamental gables, and a central open-spined turret covering the floriated iron gates. The embowering ivy, which almost covers the house, gives it a highly venerable aspect.

The plan of the building is quite unique. At the angles, two great wings project, surmounted by a blunt spire—see cuts on pages 389 and 390. The intervening walls are broken by many projecting mullioned windows, and crowned by Elizabethan gables. Decidedly the most picturesque view is that from the north-east angle, where its broken outline can be best seen. Under the bright lights and deep shadows thrown by a full

\* *The Stately Homes of England.* By LLEWELLYNN JEWETT, F.S.A., and S. C. HALL, F.S.A. Two vols. in one; pp. 400 and 360, with 380 engravings. New York: R. Worthington. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, \$8.